

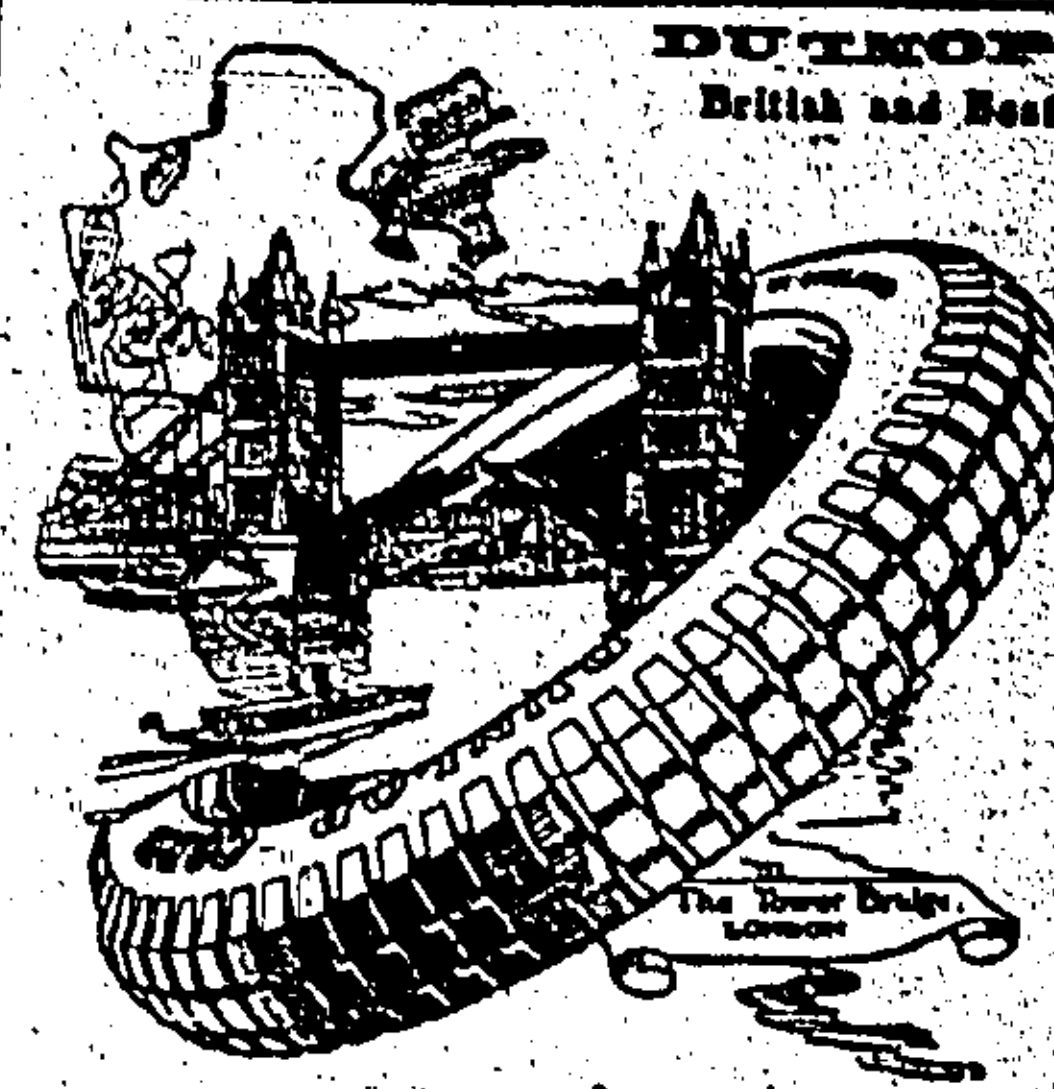
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LONDON PARLEY IN BETTER SPIRITS.

RENEWED INITIATIVE BY CHIEFS.

PLENARY SESSION ARRANGED FOR NEXT WEEK.

FINDING A WAY OUT.

London, Mar. 25.
The joint efforts of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. H. L. Stimson to inspire the London Naval Conference with fresh confidence are meeting with a measure of success. The atmosphere to-day seems to be a distinct improvement.
At a meeting of the heads of the delegations held at St. James's Palace this evening, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald strongly stressed the importance of conducting the discussions on a five-power basis. He emphasised that the heads of the delegations should again get into complete activity on the fundamental problems of the Conference.

No Failure Yet.

The Prime Minister declines to regard the Conference as a failure, and his attitude has evoked response.
At the conclusion of the meeting at the Palace, a communique was issued explaining that the state of the Conference's work had been carefully reviewed by the delegates, that it had been arranged to hold a plenary session of the Conference some time next week, and that a further meeting of the delegation chiefs had been fixed for Thursday when M. Briand will have returned to London.

The Fundamental Issue.

It is clear that the Prime Minister, in common with the other delegation chiefs, still has definitely in mind the main purpose for which the Conference was called, namely, the conclusion of a treaty between the five Powers.

Meanwhile, discussions are actively proceeding in regard to the British and French naval programmes and figures, and efforts to find a way out of the Franco-Italian impasse are still being sought.

The Japanese Government's reply to the proposals put forward, with British approval, by the American delegates, is also being awaited.

Chiefs' Undertaking.

At their meeting to-night the leaders of the delegations undertook to make a further effort to co-ordinate the work of the Conference and to overcome the difficulties with which it is faced.

The return of M. Briand, who comes from Paris to-morrow, is expected to assist towards this end and there is considerable hope that, as a result of the renewed initiative which the chiefs are displaying, it will be possible at the plenary session arranged for next week to report definite progress.

The purpose of the session will be to inform the public exactly how matters stand.

Suggestion Dropped.

The suggestion that the Conference adjourn for six months has been dropped for the time being, and it is interesting to note that a message from Washington says that Government circles express the view that the parleys are making more progress than appears on the surface.

M. Dumesnil, the French Minister of Marine, visited the American delegates, Mr. Dwight Morrow and Mr. Adams, to-day. They discussed the technical problems of the Conference and it was authoritatively stated in French circles afterwards that the conversations showed that the American and French delegations were more than ever determined to co-operate in facilitating the conclusion of the Conference by a Five-Power Agreement, which the French delegation continues to consider eminently desirable and possible.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Startling Rumour.

London, Mar. 26.
A rumour that the American delegation had changed its attitude (Continued on Page 8.)

ROUND WORLD IN A JUNK.

EUROPEAN LEAVES HONGKONG VERY SHORTLY.

THIRD MAN WANTED.

An adventure which will be watched with the greatest interest will begin on or about April 7th, when Mr. L. J. Stevenson, a ship's officer of the Indo-China S. N. Company's s.s. *Hang Sang* sets sail in a specially-constructed junk from Hongkong, on a voyage around the world.

Such schemes have often been mooted before, but rarely do they go beyond the stage of enthusiastic discussions. Mr. Stevenson's plans are, however, well matured, and he has spent over a year in collecting the necessary information and mapping out his routes.

Special charts have been secured from the Admiralty, and it is interesting to note that the Royal Geographical Society has elected Mr. Stevenson to a Fellowship as the result of the details of his voyaging which he has placed before that body.

The junk, which has been built at Swatow, will be brought to Hongkong by Mr. Stevenson over the week-end, and after a few days have been spent here in taking on the necessary stores and equipment, the voyage will start in earnest.

The route will be via the Pacific Islands to Australia, thence to San Francisco, through the Panama Canal to New York, calling, of course, at intermediary ports, and then on to London.

Mr. Stevenson takes a companion with him from Hongkong, and picks up another adventurer at Sandakan.

Unfortunately, one of the original members of the expedition has been prevented from going, and as there is ample accommodation, it is hoped that another member of the party will be found in Hongkong. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. have granted Mr. Stevenson a year's special leave for his adventure.

An advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue invites applications from anyone who would care to join the party.

FORMER HEADMASTER OF ETON.

DR. LYTTLETON INJURED IN MOTOR MISHAP.

London, Mar. 25.

The Rev. Dr. Lyttleton, former Headmaster of Eton and Haileybury, was to-day knocked down by a motor car in London and taken to hospital. He is 74 years old.

[Dr. Lyttleton is the seventh son of the fourth Lord Lyttleton. He received his education at Eton and Cambridge, was Headmaster of Haileybury from 1890 to 1905, and of Eton from 1905 to 1916. He has been a prolific writer on education and religious subjects.]

THE ITALIAN ART EXHIBITION.

BRITISH HONOURS FOR THE COLLABORATORS.

London, Mar. 25.
In recognition of the success of the Italian Art Exhibition, which has just concluded in London, the King has conferred a honorary Knighthood and the Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire upon the Italian Ambassador, and honorary decorations upon other Italians who have collaborated in the exhibition.—*British Wireless.*

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

TITLE BOUT IN COLONY NEXT MONTH.

It is probable that the Hongkong Boxing Association, which has been inactive for some time, will stage a tournament on April 12, when it is hoped that the main event will be a contest for the heavyweight championship of the Colony.
A. B. Rowles, the holder of the title, has been challenged by a newcomer of promise.

NEXT INTERPORT FIXTURE.

CRICKET TEAM GOING TO SHANGHAI.

STRONG CONTINGENT ASKED TO MAKE TRIP.

T. E. PEARCE CAPTAIN

The *Telegraph* is informed that the return Interport Cricket fixture with Shanghai will take place in Shanghai in May, and that the players to represent the Colony have been selected.

A formal invitation to send a team to Shanghai in May was received by the Hongkong Cricket Club some little time back, and the following Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. R. B. Hancock were appointed to make all necessary arrangements in connexion with the trip:—Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. W. Brace, Mr. A. C. I. Bowker and Mr. H. Owen Hughes.

Thirteen-Players Invited.

Letters of invitation have been sent to the following players inviting them to represent the Colony:—

T. E. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)
W. Brace (K.C.C.)
A. C. I. Bowker (H.K.C.C.)
E. R. Duckitt (H.K.C.C.)
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.)
A. H. Musson (Army)
U. Omar (Craigengower C.C.)
J. R. Reynolds (Army)
A. Reid (H.K.C.C.)
F. Wyatt (Army)
F. Zimmern (K.C.C.)

We understand that replies to the invitations have not yet been received, but the team will play under the captaincy of Mr. T. E. Pearce.

New Selections.

Four players not included in the Hongkong team of last year are to be found in the list, Duckitt, E. F. Fincher, Omar and Zimmern, and their appearance does not weaken the team in any way.

It is considered that the three last-mentioned, if in a position to accept the invitation, will be almost certain of a place in the eleven. It is probable, for instance, that Zimmern will take his place behind the wicket, while he is an exceedingly good bat into the bargain.

Very Strong Eleven Possible.

There is reason to believe that the majority, if not all, the players invited will make the trip, in which event the most likely team would be:—Pearce, Brace, Fincher, Zimmern, Owen Hughes, Fincher, Wyatt, Reynolds (or Musson), Reid, Omar, and Bowker.

It is an eleven strong in all departments, including as it does six first-class bats, (and no real tail) and seven efficient bowlers. It is not likely to give away much in the field.

In short, it is an all-round team of excellent quality, stronger than the average side that goes a-touring. Shanghai will need to look to their laurels.

INTER-VARSITY GOLF CONTEST.

OXFORD'S STRONG LEAD ON FOURSOMES DAY.

London, Mar. 25.

Oxford led Cambridge by four matches to one at the end of to-day's play in the annual inter-arsity golf contest, which commenced at Hoylake.

The Oxford team includes three American under-graduates, R. Baugh, the captain of the team, A. Sweeney and H. Scheffal.

Baugh and Sweeney in the principal match beat the leading Cantabs, Prain Longhurst, by ten up and eight to play!

To-day was devoted to foursomes, and to-morrow there will be ten singles matches.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH AIR SPEED RESEARCH.

THE FELIXSTOWE FLIGHT'S PRIMARY DUTY.

AUTOGIRO MACHINES.

London, Mar. 25.

When the Air Estimates were considered on the report stage, Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister in the late Government put a number of questions.

He did not wish to enter into any controversy as to whether the Government decision not to compete again for the Schneider Cup was wise or not, but he wished to know whether experiments were still being made with high-speed machines. He also wished to know what had been done with regard to autogiro machines.

Mr. F. Montague the Under Secretary for Air, replying, said the Air Ministry realised the importance of research work regarding high-speed flights. This would go on at Felixstowe where the high-speed officers had posts, and they would carry out, with the aid of the Gloster machines, which were to have taken part in the

USE OF AERODROMES IN INDIA.

Objections to British as Much as to Dutch.

NOT READY FOR TRAFFIC.

London, Mar. 25.

The "misunderstandings" over the alleged British impudence of the Dutch air line to the Dutch East Indies, were dealt with in the House of Commons by Mr. F. Montague, replying to the debate on the Air Estimates.

Mr. Montague declared that the objection made by the Government of India as well as the British Government, to the premature use of aerodromes in India which were not yet ready for traffic, applied as much to the British use of the aerodromes as to the Dutch.—*Reuter.*

Schneider contest, further research work which would be as valuable as the work done previous to that race.

An autogiro flyingboat, he went on, was still under development, and a new autogiro boat would probably be ordered in 1930 to embody all the experience obtained up to date.

For a great many service purposes, however, a flyingboat of that description would hardly be suitable. New types of flyingboats, included a boat heavier than the "Southampton" had been introduced into service.

With regard to gliders, Mr. Montague believed the principal requirement for their development was an up-current of air, and this country was not so suitable for flying them as was Germany, or other places on the continent. But there had been development of gliding machines.

In regard to the international pooling of the ideas of research, this principle had been carried out. The Aeronautical Research Committee of the United States had been in close touch with this country, and the development of the R.100 airship was carried through to a great extent in close touch with airship development and airship experience in other countries, especially in Germany.

The Estimates were agreed.—*British Wireless.*

FRANCE AND TROUBLE IN INDO-CHINA.

SUPPRESSION OF CANTON PAID AGITATIONS.

Paris, Mar. 25.

During a discussion in the Senate regarding the recent native disturbances in French Indo-China, M. Pietri, the Minister for the Colonies, said that the Government would unflinchingly prosecute disturbers of the peace.

The Government did not intend to allow their work to be imperilled by agitators in the employ of Canton Bolsheviks.—*Reuter.*

UNEXPECTED TURN IN NORTH.

MANCHURIAN TROOPS AT TIENTSIN.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT CAUSES MUCH SPECULATION.

WAR SOON TO START.

Peking, Mar. 25.

A most unexpected turn in the political situation has occurred in connexion with the arrival at Tientsin of a contingent of Manchurian troops equipped with thirty machine-guns and ten war tanks. Their movements are being closely watched by Nanking.

The fact that although General Chiang Hsueh-liang has pledged his loyalty to Nanking he is dispatching troops to Tientsin is considered most extraordinary as Peking and Tientsin are to be Military Headquarters of the Kuomintang-Shansi armies in the coming operations. Only yesterday, General Chang stated that he was supporting the Central Government, and he contemplated increasing the Manchurian Garrison at Shanhaikwan, but was desirous of preserving peace in the Three Provinces.

May Help Shansi.

The latest development has resulted in rumours to the effect that the Mukden leaders sympathise with Shansi regarding the contemplated formation of a new Government at Peking.
An important military conference was summoned by Marshal Feng Yu-shiang yesterday when he appointed the various military commanders in anticipation of war with the Nanking armies.

War Next Week.

The meeting decided to declare war against Nanking on 1st April and to attack Kiangsu from three directions—from Chengchow, from Yencheng and from Sinlangchow on the Hupeh-Honan borders.

Ten thousand Kuomintang troops, under General Sun Liang-sing, Commander of the First Kuominchun Division, have arrived at Heishihkuang. These will form the vanguards of the Kuominchun attackers.

Apart from these military movements, the Honan situation is extremely quiet at the moment, although observers believe that a cleavage with Nanking is inevitable. The Nanking forces under the command of General Liu Chi, (Officer Commanding the First Nanking Division), are establishing their command at Hsuehowfu, where Nanking aeroplanes are manoeuvring daily to watch the movements of the Kuominchun allies.

Chengchow Bombarded.

Residents at Chengchow were surprised yesterday afternoon by the visit of two Nanking aeroplanes, which dropped two bombs in the southern suburbs. Three houses were demolished, but without casualties.

In the absence of the Garrison forces, which have departed for Northern Hupeh in anticipation of an invasion from the Kuominchun allied forces, Communists at Hankow and Wuchang are extremely active and are endeavouring to create disturbances. They came into the open early yesterday morning and held a series of demonstrations in the streets, distributing thousands of pamphlets denouncing the Nanking regime in general and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in particular.

Arrests Made.

Some of the posters urge the return of Wang Ching-wai, the Kuomintang extremist politician. Prompt action adopted by the police prevented further trouble, and eight Communist ringleaders were arrested. The demonstrators were dispersed immediately they sighted the police.

Another Kuomintang extremist politician, Chan Kung-pot, known for his association with M. Borodin in the Communist Government at Hankow in 1927, has arrived at Taiyuanfu. He has issued statements proposing the restoration of the status of the Second Kuomintang Plenary (Continued on Page 8.)

GRAND NATIONAL PROBABLES.

FORTY HURLERS NAMED IN LATEST LIST.

LAST YEAR'S WINNER.

London, Mar. 25.

The Grand National, the most spectacular race in the world, is to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on Friday. It is probable that over thirty hurdlers with last year's winner top weight, will go to the starting post, the present list of probabilities and jockeys being as follows:

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Gatebook	T. Morgan
Don Zelon	Lyall
Shaungidlin	Cullinan
Grakle	Piggott
Donegal	Speck
Lordi	Stott
Alike	Barry
Sandy Hook	Leader
Ibstock	Goode
K.C.B.	Moloney
Guiding Light	(—)
Peggie's Pride	T. McCarthy
Big Wonder	Weber
Savernake	R. McCarthy
May King	Goswell
Tootenhill	Wenham
Paris Flight	Vinall
Sir Lindsay	Williams
De la Rue	Wilson
Agden	Moseley
Toy Bell	D. Morgan
Ballyhanwood	Foster
Gold Flare	Maxwell
Glangesia	J. Brown
Blenner Hasset	Dutton
Ruddyman	E. Brown
May Crescent	Escott
Royal Arch II	Hardy
Soldier's Joy	Gossage
Curtain Raiser	Powell
Gay Dog II	W. Gurney
The Monk	Bennett
Cryptical	Biggood
Mellersay's Belle	Mason
Merrivale II	Brookes
Annandale	F. Gurney
The Gosling	Boulton
Harewood	Bland
Theorem	Thomas

EXCESSIVE LOAD OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY ASKS PROTECTION.

London, Mar. 25.

Conflicting views on the question of the safeguarding of the iron and steel industries were expressed at the annual meeting of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber passed a resolution, however, twenty-nine votes being recorded in favour, and five against, urging the Government to extend safeguarding duties to the iron and steel industries, as the only practical means of relieving promptly the excessive load of unemployment.—*Reuter.*

PEAK ROBBERY.

GARDENER'S SON GAGGED AND BOUND.

A daylight robbery at the Peak, accompanied by the usual effects, was perpetrated by two Chinese about 12.45 p.m. yesterday, when two men entered the gardener's room at No. 455, The Peak. There they found Fung Ying, aged 13, son of Fung Tuk, the gardener at this residence, alone in the room.

They attacked the lad, gagging and binding him to a table, and then stole a blanket and two pieces of clothing, the total value of which was \$4.

U.S. OCCUPATION COSTS.

GERMANY AGREES TO PAY G.\$273,000,000.

Washington, Mar. 25.

In view of the settlement of the Young Plan, in which the Government of the United States took no official part, the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives has approved a Bill under which the United States will receive G.\$273,000,000 from Germany to cover the cost of the American Army of Occupation. The payment has already been approved by the Reichstag.—*Reuter.*

ROPE COMPANY'S POLICY.

COMPLAINT BECAUSE NO DIVIDEND.

SPIRITED RETORT BY MR. SCOTT HARSTON.

MR. SAYCE ANSWERED

A complaint by Mr. Kelly Sayce that the Company were carrying too much money forward and that they had not paid a dividend to shareholders for five years, called forth a pointed retort by Mr. J. Scott Harston at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held in St. George's Building this morning. Mr. Harston told Mr. Sayce that the answer to his complaints was quite simple. If he was not satisfied with the Directors, he should turn them out. The Directors had done their best and could not make bricks without straw.

Mr. Sayce's Query.

Mr. Kelly Sayce raised his questions after the unanimous adoption of the report and accounts, when he said:—"I would like to ask a question, sir. Mr. Chairman and Directors of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, in looking through the report and accounts I find that the amount carried forward, \$170,592.98, represents 75% of your capital account. Considering that the shareholders have not received any dividend for the last five years, which I remember since 1924, don't you think it would have been more reasonable to have considered the shareholders and given them a small dividend and to have carried a lesser amount forward?"

"I was told, in fact, that one of the Directors was heard to say that they would be giving 25 cents, but to-day I am sorry to hear, for the fifth year, that I do not receive a cent. I don't know what is wrong with the Company that it has been doing so badly, for, to judge by the amount being carried forward, by the falling exchange we must have done so much. At the same time I do think that they might have given us a small interim dividend during the year."

Chairman's Reply.

In reply, the Chairman (Mr. R. G. Sheehan) said:—"There is nothing wrong with the Company. We are in a sound position. The payment of a small dividend has been considered, and I made special reference in my speech as to why we had decided to conserve, when I said 'The fall in silver should help our business with countries which work on a gold basis such as Malaya, India and Java. Under present conditions, the Directors think it prudent to conserve the amount standing at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account until trade generally shows more promising signs of a revival'. It is a matter of opinion. Your opinion is that we should have paid a small dividend; ours is that it is better to conserve our profits."

Mr. Kelly Sayce replied that the shareholders had received nothing, but the Directors received their commission.

The Chairman:—"We sympathise with you, but there is nothing wrong with the Company. You must not say that."

Mr. Harston's Retort.

Mr. J. Scott Harston, one of the Directors, in reply to Mr. Sayce, said:—"The answer to your questions is quite simple. If you are not satisfied with the Directors, turn them out. The Directors have done their best, but they can't make bricks without straw. Mr. Kelly Sayce:—I am only asking for consideration for the small shareholders."

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, in his speech to shareholders, said:—"Gentlemen:—The report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 1929, having been in your hands for the prescribed period it is not necessary to read them now but I would like to make some remarks regarding (Continued on Page 8.)

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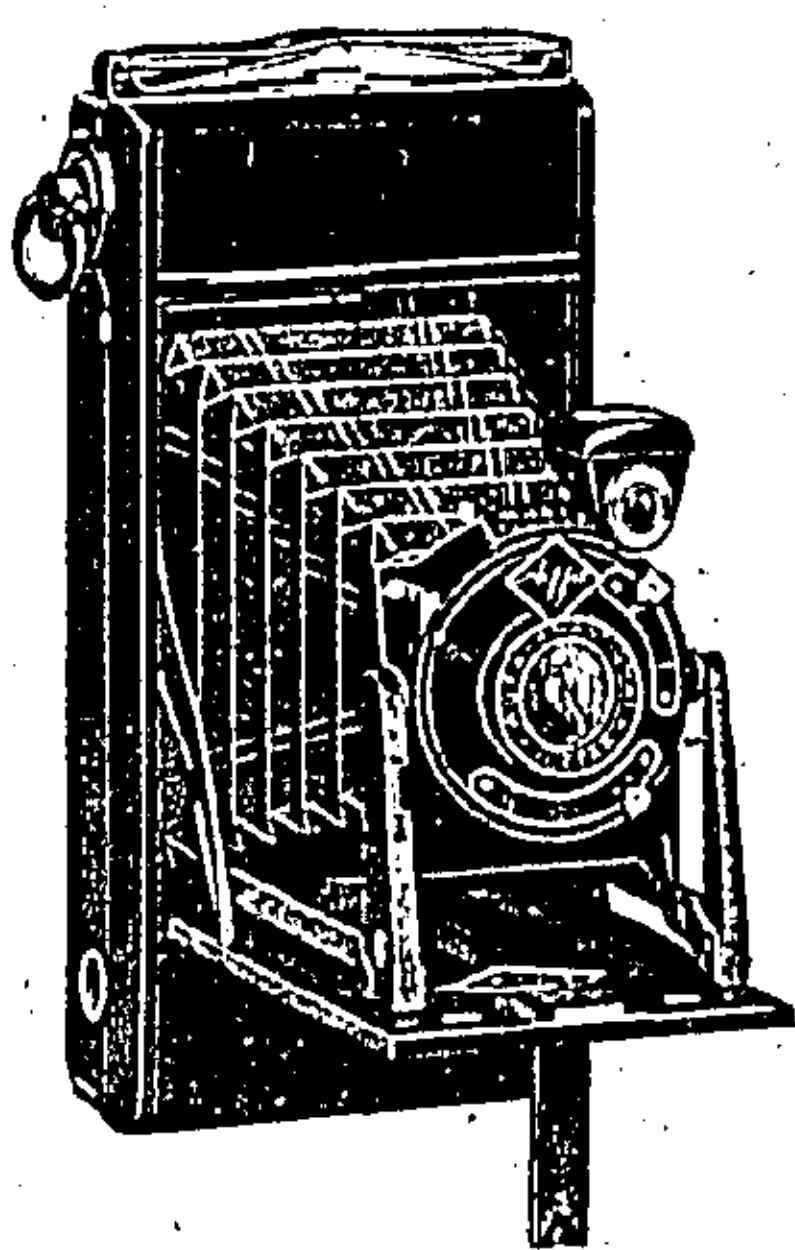
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KENNEDY TOWN BLAZE.

QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND PRECAUTION.

EXPERT TO TESTIFY.

At the resumed enquiry by the Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) yesterday into the circumstances attending the deaths of a Chinese woman and two children during a fire which broke out in a joss-paper shop at No. 12, Smithfield, Kennedy Town, and demolished the whole building, eye-witnesses spoke of seeing some of the victims throwing themselves from the burning building, attention being attracted too late for the jumping sheet to be brought round in time by the firemen.

Police Sergeant Wynne stated that he arrived on the scene to find practically the whole of No. 12, Smithfield, in the grip of flames. After warning the inmates of an adjoining house to move out, he walked through a scavenging lane round to the back and saw a body dropping into a yard from an upper floor of the burning building.

"I opened the door of the yard and saw a woman with her head badly injured lying on the ground, with a child near her. At the same time I heard a cry of 'save life' and looked upwards to see a small Chinese girl standing on the window and apparently ready to jump. Warning her not to do so, I rushed round to inform the firemen, and in the scavenging lane met Mr. Moss. While the jumping sheet was being sent for, I returned with Mr. Moss to the yard. We saw two more persons lying on the ground in addition to the mother and child, one being a girl and the other a boy. The girl on the window was still there, but on my return some minutes later after taking the boy to the ambulance, she had disappeared. Instead, I found another body lying on the ground."

The Coroner: How long did it take to get the jumping sheet?

Witness: I think it was five minutes.

The Coroner: Was it a long way round?

Witness: About 300 yards. The back door of No. 10 was locked and it had to be broken.

Water From Harbour.

Mr. G. C. Moss, assistant engineer and station officer at the Central Fire Station, stated that the call was received at 1.36 a.m. from the Sand Street fire-alarm, that call arousing the Kennedy Town Sub-Station which, in its turn, called up the Central Station.

Within a minute, three appliances left the Central Station for the scene, followed four minutes later by witness on another appliance as the "home call" which indicated the serious nature of the outbreak, was received.

Five or six minutes later witness arrived at No. 12, Smithfield, to find one engine already at work and two others in process of connecting up. It was necessary to pump water from the harbour as fresh water had been turned off the mains. With the receipt of the call, however, a message had been sent to the Western Pumping Station and when water came through and full pressure was obtained it did not entail more than the usual delay experienced in such cases. The mains would take at least a quarter of an hour to fill and it did not take more than that time to come through in the present instance. No further delay was experienced with the connecting up of the engines to this source of supply.

Witness describing what happened after being informed by Sergeant Wynne of the plight of the girl standing at the window, said the top part of the window was already alight when he saw her. He gave the order for the jumping sheet to be brought round, but it was too late, for

before the sheet arrived, four minutes later, the girl had leaped from the window and injured herself on dropping into the yard.

Dangerous Type of Tenement.

It took just above an hour to get the fire under. No. 12, Smithfield was one of a row of houses which were rebuilt after being burnt down by fire, once before, in 1922. They were not exactly tenements of the common native type, in that these were built in two parts, these being connected together on each floor by a narrow concrete bridge. The only means of ingress or egress was by a wooden staircase which was in the front part and ran down to the front of the shop. There was no back staircase of any kind.

From the fire point of view, witness considered the position of the staircase made it more dangerous in this type of tenement. He could not say whether such type of houses were still being built in the Colony, but he did know that a new type of buildings had come into existence with concrete staircase and floors which were a distinct improvement over such a type as that represented by the building concerned in the present case.

The Coroner: Do you know if that new type is a definite reform by the Building Authority?

Witness replied that he could not speak as to that, but he thought it all wrong that in such structures divided into two parts as No. 12, Smithfield was, there should be only one staircase, and a wooden one at that.

The Foreman of the Jury (Mr. Willy Saenger): Wasn't there any fireman retained at the back of the house before you got there?

Witness explained that it was a long way round to the back, and it took sometime for the appliances to get to work. Consequently there was no one else at the back of No. 12, by the time he arrived and went round to the back immediately upon being informed by Sergeant Wynne.

The Injured Girl.

This was all the evidence taken. The Coroner, addressing the jury, said: You remember, gentlemen, that at the last sitting, I thought it desirable that the Chinese girl who jumped down from that window and is now in Hospital recovering from her injuries, and who made a statement to the Police that she saw the deceased woman fall, be called here to-day to give evidence. I was notified this morning that although it was possible for her to be brought here, she would have to be brought in a stretcher. It seems to me that perhaps it would be cruelty to bring her here in that condition. There is clearly abundant

circumstantial evidence before us to make it clear that the deceased did in fact jump from that back window, so that unless you are particularly anxious to hear what the girl has said, I think we can take it as proved that the deceased died through jumping. Are you satisfied on that point?

The Foreman of the Jury: We are satisfied.

The Coroner: It now remains for you to consider whether you would like some representative of the Building Authority of this Colony to attend in Court to give evidence as to why this particular type of structure which the Fire Brigade have obviously considered most insufficient in facilities for escape from fire, should be allowed in this Colony.

The Foreman: It would be better to have somebody here.

The Coroner: I agree with you. I think it is highly desirable that someone from the Building Authority should attend the Court in order that he may take your opinion on the matter. I think it a matter of very great danger that these structures should be allowed when there is no staircase of any sort in the back part to facilitate escape in case of fire. I adjourn the enquiry once more. I think that one hour or more will bring you to the conclusion.

No Evidence of Arson.

I think I may save a little time if I now give you some directions on certain points which you will have to consider. As regards the origin of the fire, you can take it from me there is no possible negligence which could justify you in finding any criminal responsibility for the fire on any person. I indicated at the beginning of the hearing that in such fires, criminal responsibility may arise in certain circumstances. In case of arson, death so caused through commission of the crime, would be murder. It may also occur through such negligence that the persons guilty of that negligence might also be guilty of manslaughter. Here I must direct you there is no evidence on the case of arson. There is no evidence of such negligence in law which may justify you to bring a case of negligence.

As regards the cause of death, I can assure you that the only safe verdict would be one of "Death by Misadventure." At the same time that will not prevent you from making further recommendations with regard to the structures, after you have heard this fresh evidence from the Building Authority. At the same time you may also censure the shop-keeper on the matter of the chetty.

The Coroner suggested that in the interval before the next sitting, the jury might find an opportunity of meeting together to

NEW RECORD ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

THE EUROPA RIVALS HER SISTER SHIP.

New York, Mar. 25.
The new German liner Europa has beaten her sister ship the Bremen's trans-Atlantic record. Her time for crossing to New York was 4 days, 17 hours, 6 minutes.

She has thus duplicated the Bremen's achievement in winning the blue riband on her maiden voyage.—Reuter.

[The Bremen's time, which set up a new record last year, was 4 days, 18 hours, 17 minutes.]

discuss the case before making such recommendations as they thought it desirable to bring before the Court, depending although it might be, on the evidence of the Building Authority yet to be heard. That of course, was a matter left entirely to their discretion.

Fire Extinguishers.

The Foreman: I would like to ask if there are any regulations by the Fire Brigade for shops like this particular one, which used wax and fire-crackers to have such precautions as fire extinguishers for their own satisfaction?

On the question being referred to Mr. Moss, the latter replied in the negative. Mr. Moss said he knew of no regulations other than those required under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance.

The Coroner looked up the Ordinance in question, and quoting the provisions therein, said: "Dangerous goods such as explosives, spirits of wine, certain gases and certain chemicals are regulated as to their storage by the provisions of Ordinance One, of 1873." The regulations made therein and also conditions of licence granted by the Inspector General of Police apart from the article I have already enumerated, appear to be in control. Fire crackers of course would come within the definition of dangerous goods, but I think it clear that the manufacture of joss-papers and wax such as in the shop concerned, are not within that Ordinance, and although they are dangerous from many points of view especially when a fire started, you will of course, realise the fact that they are not dangerous goods by themselves. I think it is clear that shop-keeper on the matter of the commodities, there is no regulations requiring their storage or precautions against fire."

The enquiry was adjourned until noon next Tuesday.

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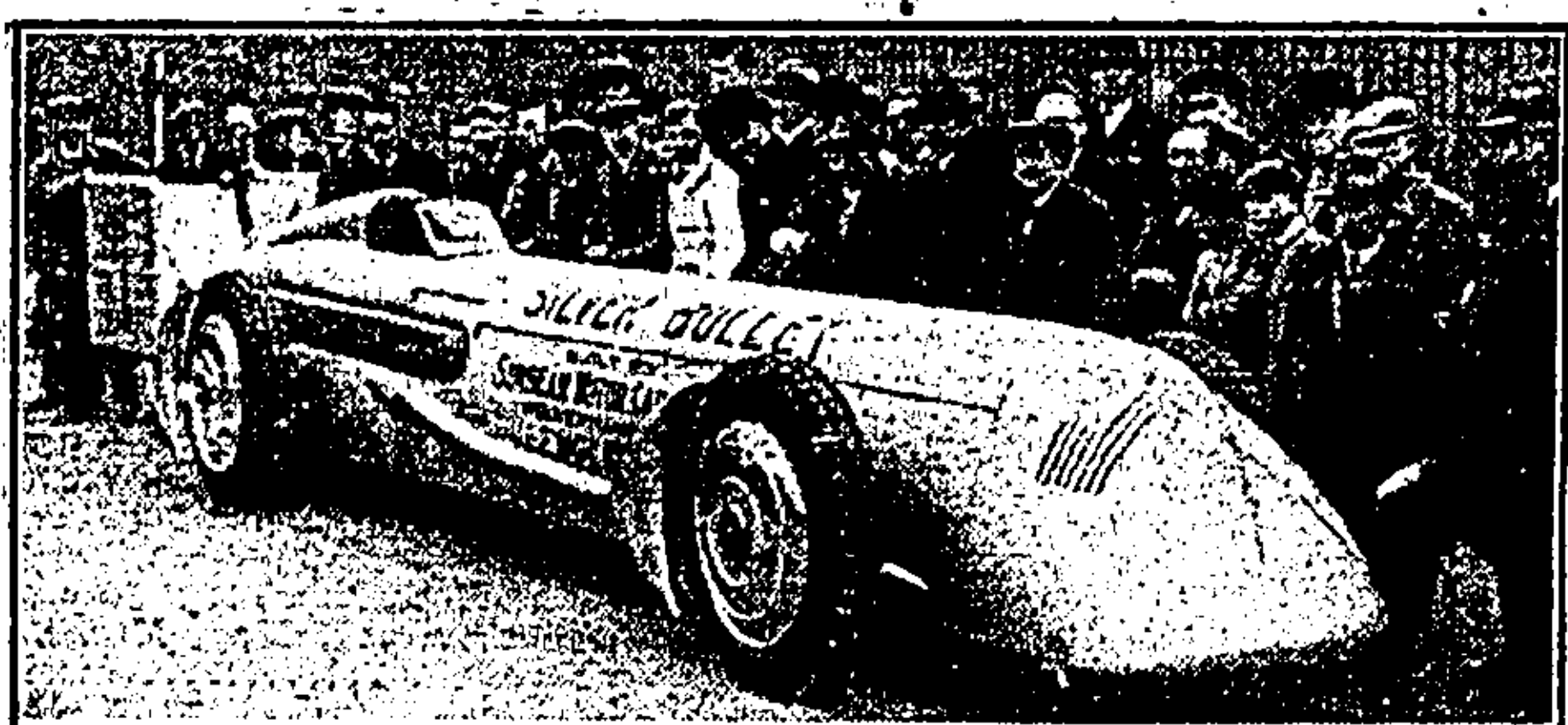
Mr. Kirby Page, author and lecturer, who is visiting Shanghai under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A.



The short-lived Cabinet of M. Chauteaux (third from left front) which was defeated immediately its programme was announced to the Chamber. (Times copyright).



Mrs. Benton Jee, daughter of Sir Kai Haki, K.C.M.G., who is now in Shanghai.



"The Silver Bullet" in which Kaye Don hopes to beat the world speed record. (Times copyright).



A scene on the Cam, when the annual University Lent races were begun in good weather. (Times copyright).



Lieutenant-Colonel Marcaire, who will succeed Colonel Mallet in command of the French defence forces in Shanghai, arrived a few days ago.



Although a day of celebration, Shanghai Irishmen conducted a brief ceremony at the War Memorial on the Bund on St Patrick's Day. Picture shows members of the committee standing near the Memorial, while left is Dr. J. H. Jordan, the President of the Society, placing a wreath on the Memorial.



A glimpse of the St David's Day War Memorial celebration, in Shanghai. Mr. O. G. R. Beynon in the centre of the picture.



A photograph of M. Joseph Zalesky aged 103, a farm labourer, of Migneville, Meurthe-et-Moselle, who has been made Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.



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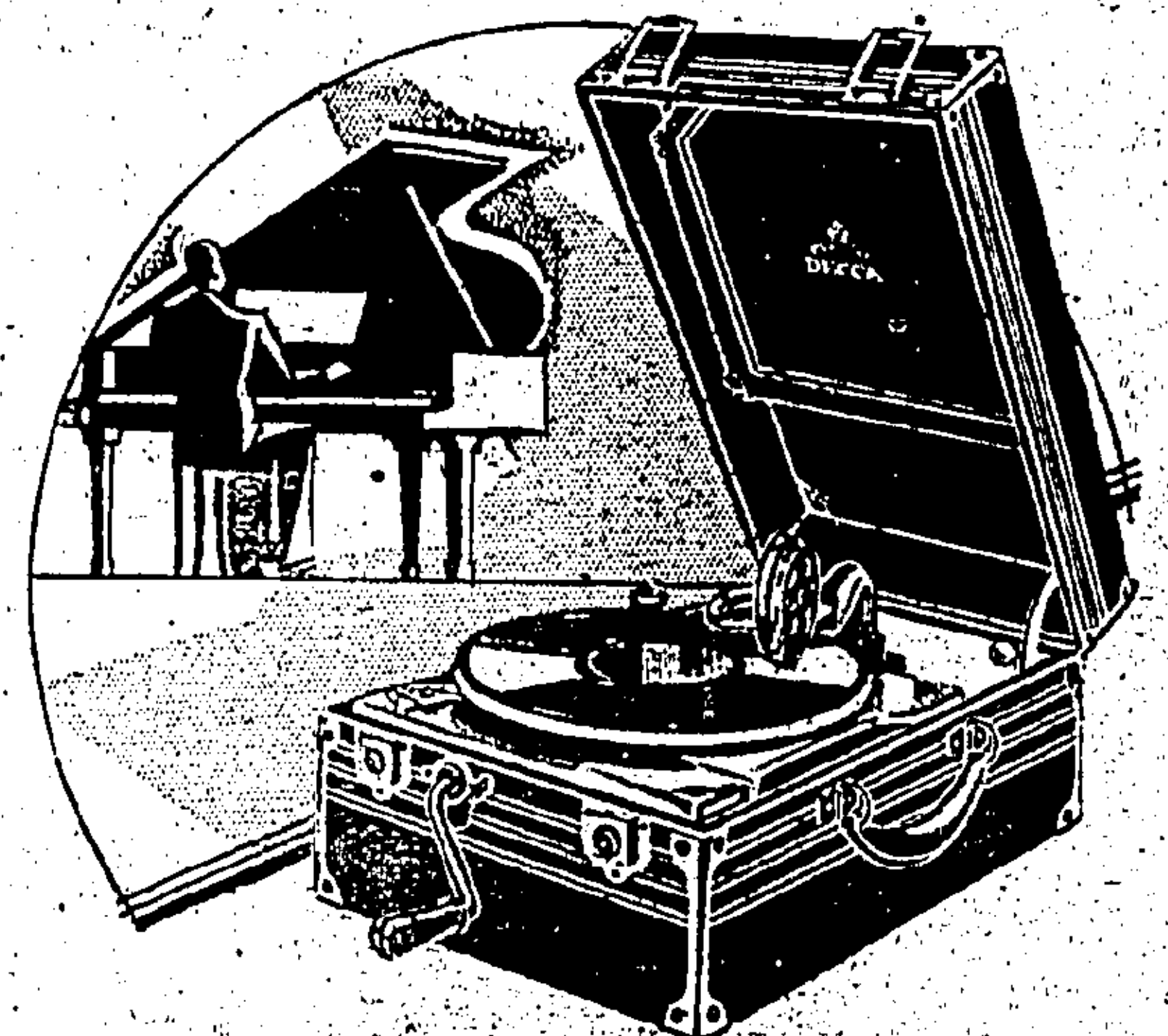
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NOTICE.

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The Annual Inspection by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government will be held on the Murray Parade Ground on Thursday, March 27th, at 5.15 p.m.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 5th April, 1930, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on THURSDAY, 27th March, 1930.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

The Summer Term will begin on Thursday, March 27th, when New Students, whether Boarders or Day-Boys, should attend for examination at 9.00 a.m. Prospectuses may be obtained from Mr. Li Hoi Tung, Messrs. Banker & Co., Bank of China Building, or from The Warden, St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1930, at 4.30 p.m. for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1929.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
E. R. PRICE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1930.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1930, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 24th to the 31st MARCH, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. Dyer,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1930.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-fifth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its Registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 29th March, 1930 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1929.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 24th day of March, to Monday, the 31st day of March, 1930, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1930.

THE BANK OF CANTON LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Nineteenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1930, at 2.30 p.m. for the Purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th March, 1930, to the 26th March, 1930, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1930.

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The Steamship,

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It is hereby notified that the s.s. "Malacca Maru," with cargo on board from Calcutta, collided with s.s. "Marienfelz" on the 16th March, 1930, when leaving Calcutta and had to put back to port for repairs, and in consequence thereof, General Average has been declared.

The cargo which was on board the above steamer at the time of the accident is expected to arrive here by s.s. "Morioke Maru" on or about 12th April next.

Consignees of cargo from the above port are requested to sign G. A. Bond in our Office and to pay a deposit of Four (4) per cent of the valuation of their consignments before Bills of Lading will be countersigned for delivery.

From MARSEILLES, &c.

Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Friday the 4th April, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 1st April, 1930.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOR,
Agent.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1930.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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on MONDAY,

the 31st March, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m.

At No. 70B, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st April, 1930, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th April, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st March, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 25th March, 1930.

HYDE PARK.

MR. LANSBURY ON HIS SCHEMES.

Sir W. Davison asked the First Commissioner of Works whether he had in mind the erection of any buildings or pavilions either in Hyde Park or Kensington Gardens, or any alterations in their lay-out; and whether he could assure the House that no such buildings or alterations would be put in hand without particulars being first submitted to the House of Commons.

Mr. Lansbury—I have, in reply to various questions, informed the House of most of the schemes which I have approved, not only in Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, but also in the other Royal parks.

I am satisfied that the structures which are to be erected will not detract from the beauty of the parks, and in order that members may judge for themselves I have arranged for the designs of three of them to be exhibited in the tea-room.

Earl Winterton—Is the Minister aware that no other First Commissioner has ever erected a single building in any of the parks without the express authority of this House?

Mr. Lansbury—I think Earl Winterton is misinformed. Each summer one of the most ugly buildings which could possibly be erected is erected on the pathway of the Serpentine, and Earl Winterton, who must have seen it, I think, has never taken the trouble to call it in question.

Earl Winterton—I was referring to permanent buildings of brick and mortar. No such building has ever been erected without the express authority of this House.

Mr. Lansbury—I am afraid I cannot trust my memory, and I am not going to take the noble Lord's Sir W. Davison—Then it is not in contemplation to erect any other permanent building in Kensington Gardens or Hyde Park other than the bathing pavilion which is in the enclosure to which the Minister referred? There is no question of putting up a carillon tower or anything of that sort?

Mr. Lansbury—There is to be a small pavilion in the sports ground for the people who play football to change their clothes. That and the other building are the only two Mr. Lansbury, in reply to several questions, said that no tree had been cut down in Hyde Park or Kensington Gardens in connexion with the schemes of playgrounds, &c. One tree was cut down on the site of the boating pond in Regent's Park, but this would have had to come down in any case very soon. His Department was compelled to remove from time to time from the parks a considerable number of decayed and dangerous trees. Several fresh trees were planted for every one which had to be removed.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Swatow	Shansi	March 27.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers London 27th February and Parcels London 20th February)	Rajputana	March 27.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 7th March)	Rawalpindi	March 28.
U.S.A. (Seattle 8th March), Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	March 28.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjikarang	March 29.
Straits	Hakone Maru	March 30.
Canada, (Victoria B.C. 8th March) U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	March 31.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	March 31.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 8th March), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Ginyo Maru	March 31.
Japan	Tenyo Maru	March 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	April 2.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 7th March) Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Kanagawa Maru	April 3.
Australia and Manila	Katori Maru	April 4.
	Pres. van Buren	April 5.
	Nellore	April 7.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	Wed., Mar. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Wed., Mar. 26, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Tai Fook Sing	Wed., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Kumsang	Wed., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Japan	Glenbeg	Wed., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Glenbeg	Wed., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Wed., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Wed., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru Thurs.	Mar. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Grenier	Thurs., Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Thurs., Mar. 27, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrantun Thurs.	Mar. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Wong Shok Kung	Thurs., Mar. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow	Kako Maru	Thurs., Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Rajputana	Fri., Mar. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Chekiang	Fri., Mar. 28, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Resolute	Fri., Mar. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi	Sat., Mar. 29.

Parcels	Registration	Letters
Mar. 28, 4.30 p.m.	Mar. 29, 9 a.m.	Mar. 29, 10 a.m.
G.P.O.		
Parcels	Registration	Letters
Mar. 28, 5.00 p.m.	Mar. 29, 9.45 a.m.	Mar. 29, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles April 25.)		
Hoihow	Kwangtung	Sat., Mar. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Japan	Talhythys	Sat., Mar. 29, 10.00 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Sat., Mar. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Mar. 30, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Mar. 30, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Hakone Maru	Mon., Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kumsang	Mon., Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Parcels	Mon., Mar. 31, noon.
	Letters	Mon., Mar. 31, 1 p.m.
	Empress of Russia	Mon., Mar. 31, 8.30 p.m.

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B. C.

Pres. McKinley Mon., Mar. 31. Registration Mar. 31, 9.45 p.m. Letters Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria B. C. 18th April.)

Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia Pres. McKinley Mon., Mar. 31. Registration Mar. 31, 9.45 p.m. Letters Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.

Manila and *Java via Soerabaja Tjikarang Tues., Apr. 1, 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and *South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Menclaus Tues., Apr. 1.

Registration Tues., Apr. 1, 1 p.m. Letters Tues., Apr. 1, 1 p.m. G.P.O.

Registration Tues., Apr. 1, 1.45 p.m. Letters Tues., Apr. 1, 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 2nd May.)

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hal Yang Tues., Apr. 1, 1 p.m. Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia Tenyo Maru Wed., Apr. 2.

Registration Wed., Apr. 2, 1.5 p.m. Letters Wed., Apr. 2, 8.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 25th April.)

Sandakan Hinsang Wed., Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta Kumsang Thurs., Apr. 3. Parcels Thurs., Apr. 3, noon. Letters Thurs., Apr. 3, 1 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia Mishima Maru Fri., Apr. 4, 8.30 a.m.

Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island St. Albans Fri., Apr. 4. Parcels Fri., Apr. 4, noon. Registration Fri., Apr. 4, 1.45 p.m. Letters Fri., Apr. 4, 2.30 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 19th April.)

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hal Ning Fri., Apr. 4, 9 p.m.

*Straits, East Africa via Mombasa, South Africa and *South American Ports Kanagawa Maru Fri., Apr. 4, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Katori Maru Sat., Apr. 5.

Registration Sat., Apr. 5, 4.30 p.m. Letters Sat., Apr. 5, 9 a.m. G.P.O.

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Women of all ages have loved jewellery, but modern women prefer the original and sometimes the bizarre, rather than the mere glitter of precious stones. Paris being admittedly the home of many of the amusing trifles so much in vogue, it is good to be able to chronicle the introduction of an entirely new collection of jewellery that is truly English in conception and manufacture.

Designs for all Tastes.

Silver is used in conjunction with semi-precious stones. The latter are used as backgrounds against which to silhouette little designs or pictures cut out of thin strips of the metal. There are designs to suit all tastes and occasions. The sports series are particularly useful and interesting. So often when one is playing golf or tennis, or maybe skating, it is necessary to fasten a scarf or a collar. An ordinary brooch looks utterly incongruous for the purpose, but a brooch or a scarf-ring with a stylised design representing "Tennis," "Motoring," "Winter Sports," "Golf" or "The River" is entirely in the picture and the best of taste. The little figures portrayed, though entirely modern in spirit, unlike many modern designs, are entirely graceful.

But it is not only the sports girl who is catered for. There are other pieces intended both for day and evening wear. Hat brooches and bag ornaments are obtainable in pairs, and also shoe buckles and bag ornaments en suite for evening wear.

Fitting Hats.

FOR ENGLISH FACES.

Every time a Frenchwoman goes to England, she comes back with the same tale, writes a lady resident in Paris, to a Home Journal. She praises the beauty of the English faces and deprecates the way they wear their hats.

This is too bad. With her pretty face, her charming figure, her neatly shod feet, her nice frocks and coats, surely the English girl cannot be as wrong as all that with her hats. And yet it would seem to be true. A comfortable hat which she can cram on to her head is all she asks for, at least that is what the Frenchwoman says of her.

Fond of Needless Trimming.

But here, I think, the Frenchwoman is wrong. The trouble is that the Englishwoman does not pay enough attention to proportions and is all too ready to add an unnecessary trimming.

Again, she does not take trouble enough about the angle at which she puts her hat on her head, or give time enough to the arrangement of her hair under the brim or round it. Furtively she looks at her glass as the hat goes on at the last minute. And that is that.

Importance of Line.

What she should do when buying a hat is to keep line and proportion in mind before all else. Colour matters of course, but line more. She should see that the crown fits her head.

Perhaps the head hole is too wide and the crown too small. Perhaps the shape of the crown is too round, not oval enough, and

it may want ironing out to one side more than another to suit the profile.

If only you can get your crown right first, the brim will follow, but this too calls for a great deal of consideration before it may be passed as right.

The trimming should be as small as possible and should never strike the eye. Trimmings should be subject to line and colour. Texture matters, too, since a supple material is easier to work with.

Then comes the problem of how to wear the hat when finished. For a pretty girl this should not be difficult. With a little honest concentration she soon discovers just which is the right angle—how close over the brow, how much withdrawn from it.

It is the middle-aged woman who has the most trouble. The turban or the toque when properly draped and worn suits almost every woman of middle age. But she must get the proportions right and then put it on in the right way.

American women are clever at wearing hats. They fit them on and pull them into the right shape.

Achieving Distinction.

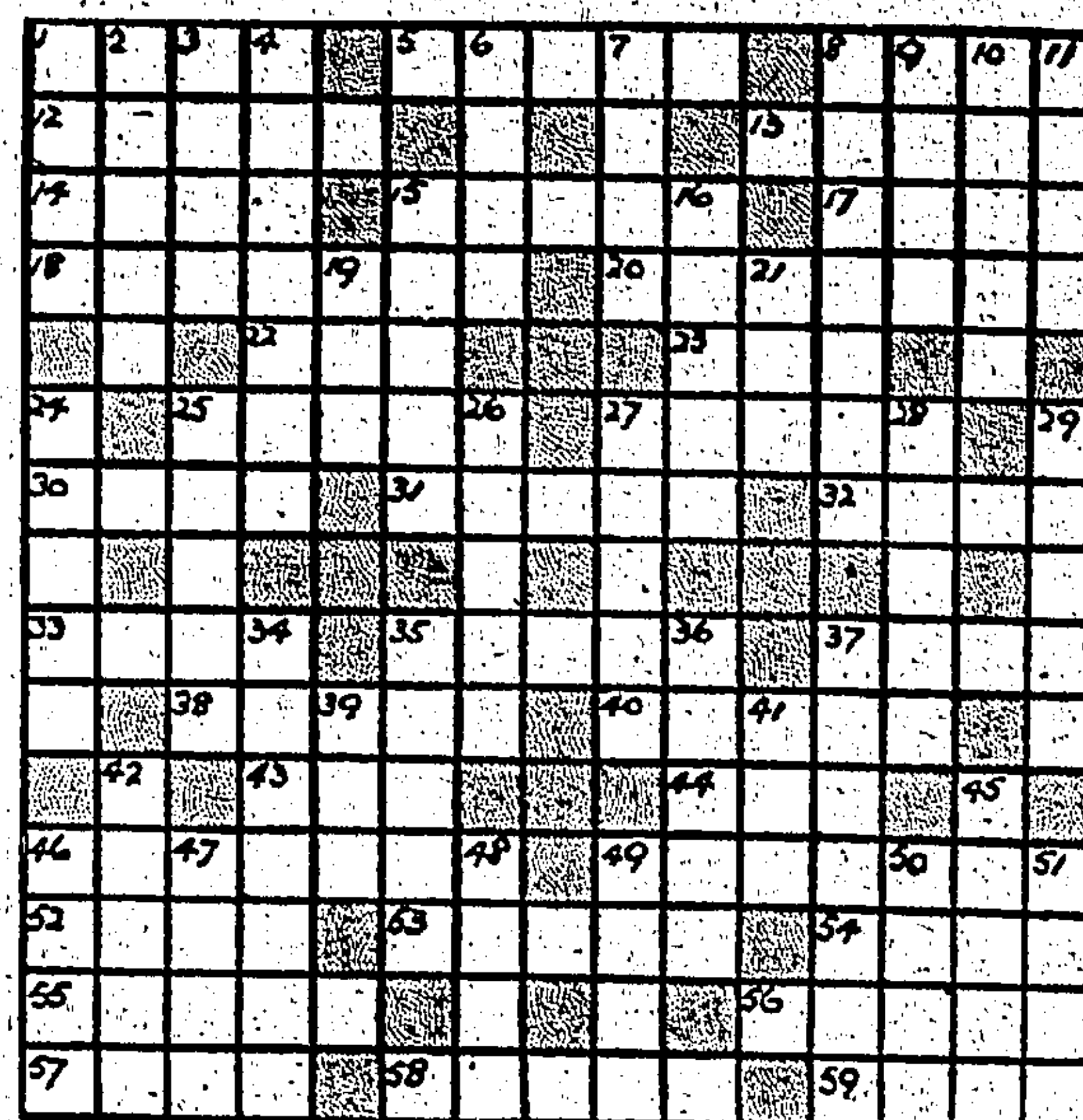
An Englishwoman perches hers high on her head or crams it down backwards. If she would only remember that the hat should follow the shape of her head and look as if it belonged to it by Nature's right, she would achieve a distinction difficult to beat.

Some do this, of course, but there are still many who do not. Yet the pleasure of sitting opposite a well-hatted woman in bus, tram, train or car, is not to be denied. Better one hat which is becoming than ten which are not.



A picturesque little dress in petunia coloured silk marocain. It is cut on straight lines to the hips, whence a series of inset pleated flares fall at regular intervals all round the skirt. The vest is effective, being of fine coffee-coloured lace, with deep cuffs en suite.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.

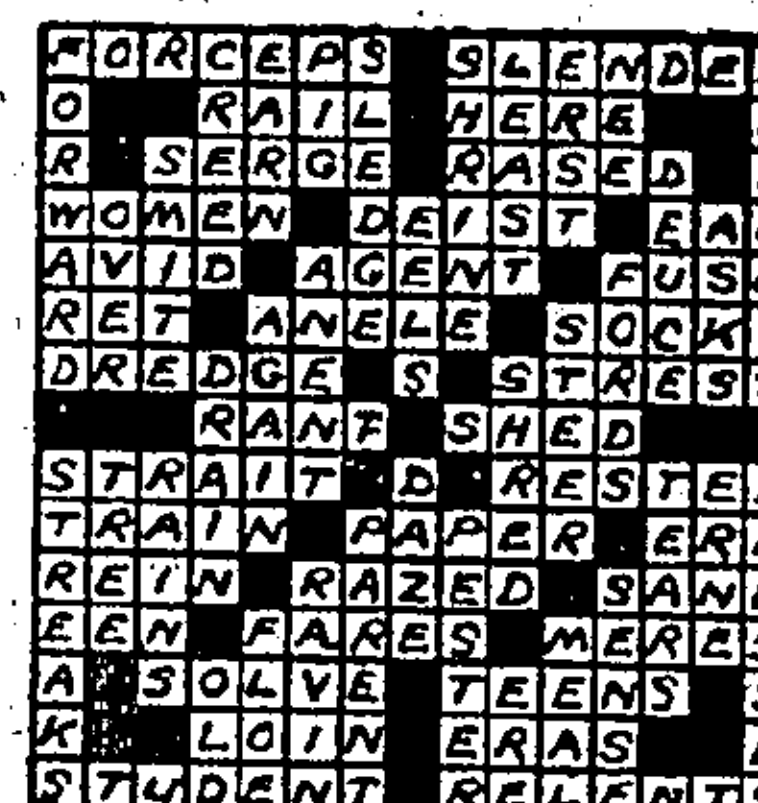


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1 Team.
6 Break.
8 Measure.
12 Ties.
13 Plant seeds.
14 Before.
15 Estimated.
16 Morsel.
19 Wrongful act.
20 Feared.
22 Took food.
23 Vessel.
25 Cleanse.
27 Feathered animals.
30 Quiet.
31 Rested.
32 Certain.
33 Hastened.
35 Doctrine.
37 Basket.
38 Devil.
40 Pieces of pastry.
43 Is able.
44 Vegetable.
46 Generous.
49 Draw back.
52 Distant.
53 Following.
54 Correct.
56 Sneak.
58 Select.
59 Fixed.
60 Quick.
61 Delightful region.

Down
1 Bang.
2 Fright.
3 Deeds.
4 Neccassitous.
6 Girl.
7 Germ.
8 Asks.
9 Foray.

10 Plant.
11 Roward.
12 Marsh plant.
15 Ancient priest.
19 Ever.
21 Sin.
24 First element.
25 Urged.
26 Devoured.
27 Inclose.
28 Sullen fits.
29 Chirps.
34 Deceives.
35 Relating to sound.
36 Small candle.
37 Frighten.
39 Spoil.
41 Steep flax.
42 Gun.
45 Sharp.
46 Girl.
47 Enticement.
48 Volcanic deposit.
49 Bearer.
50 Dry.
51 Sorrow.

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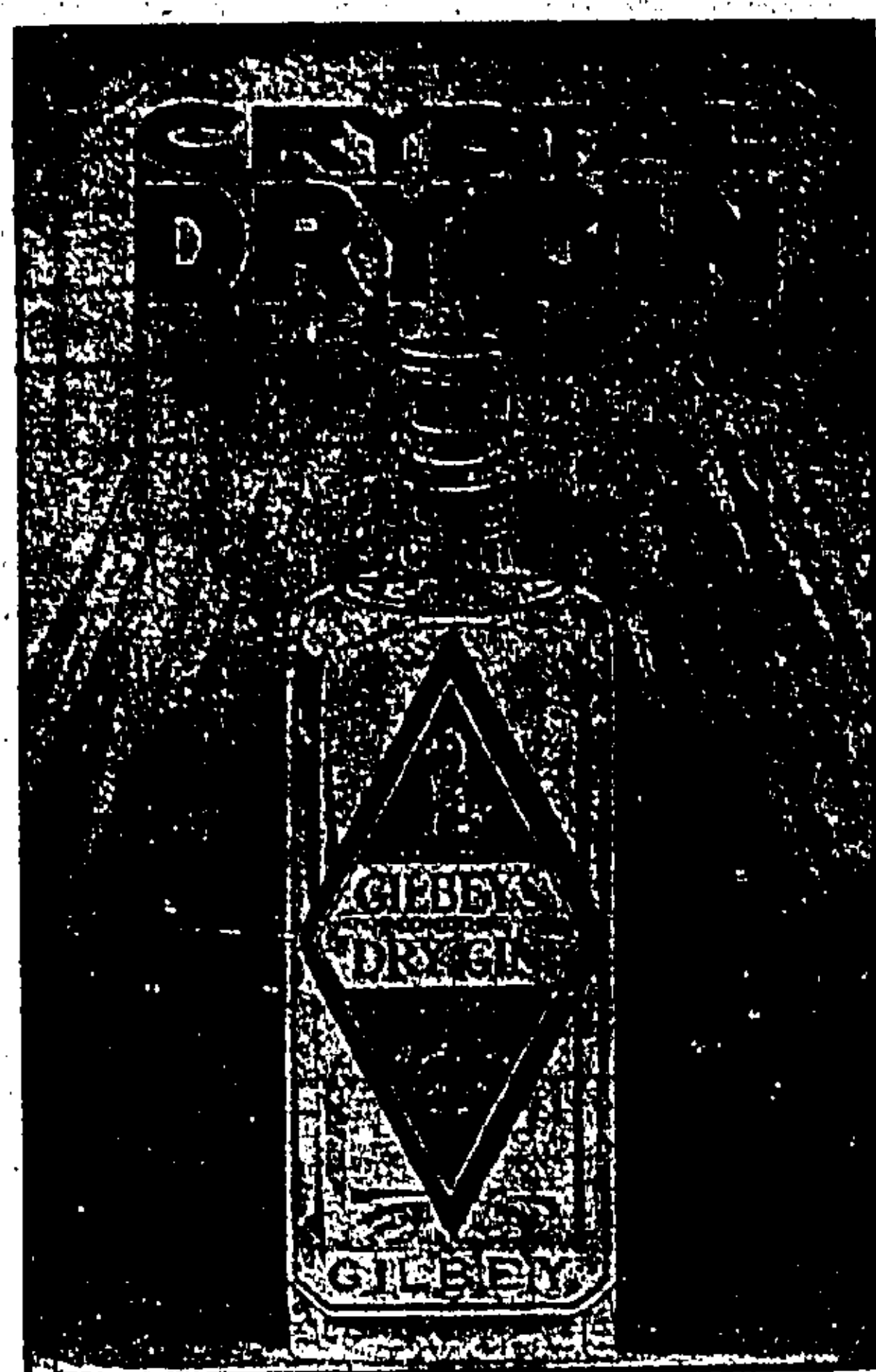
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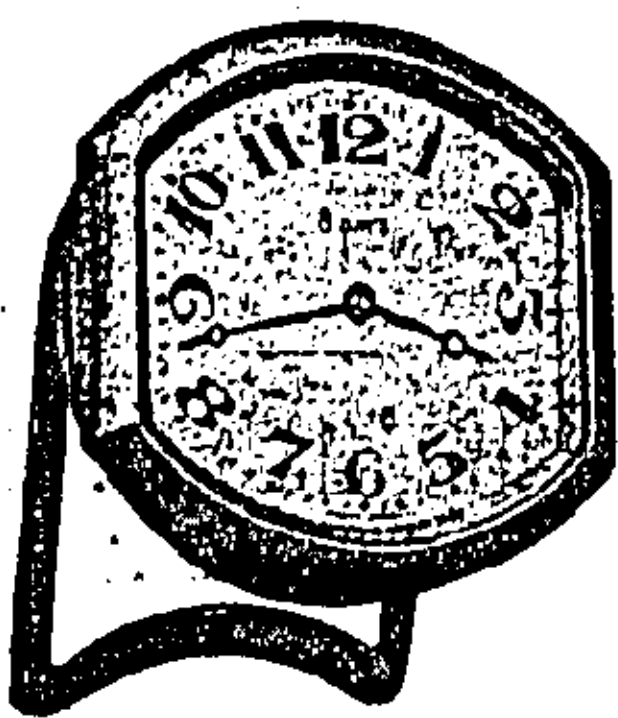
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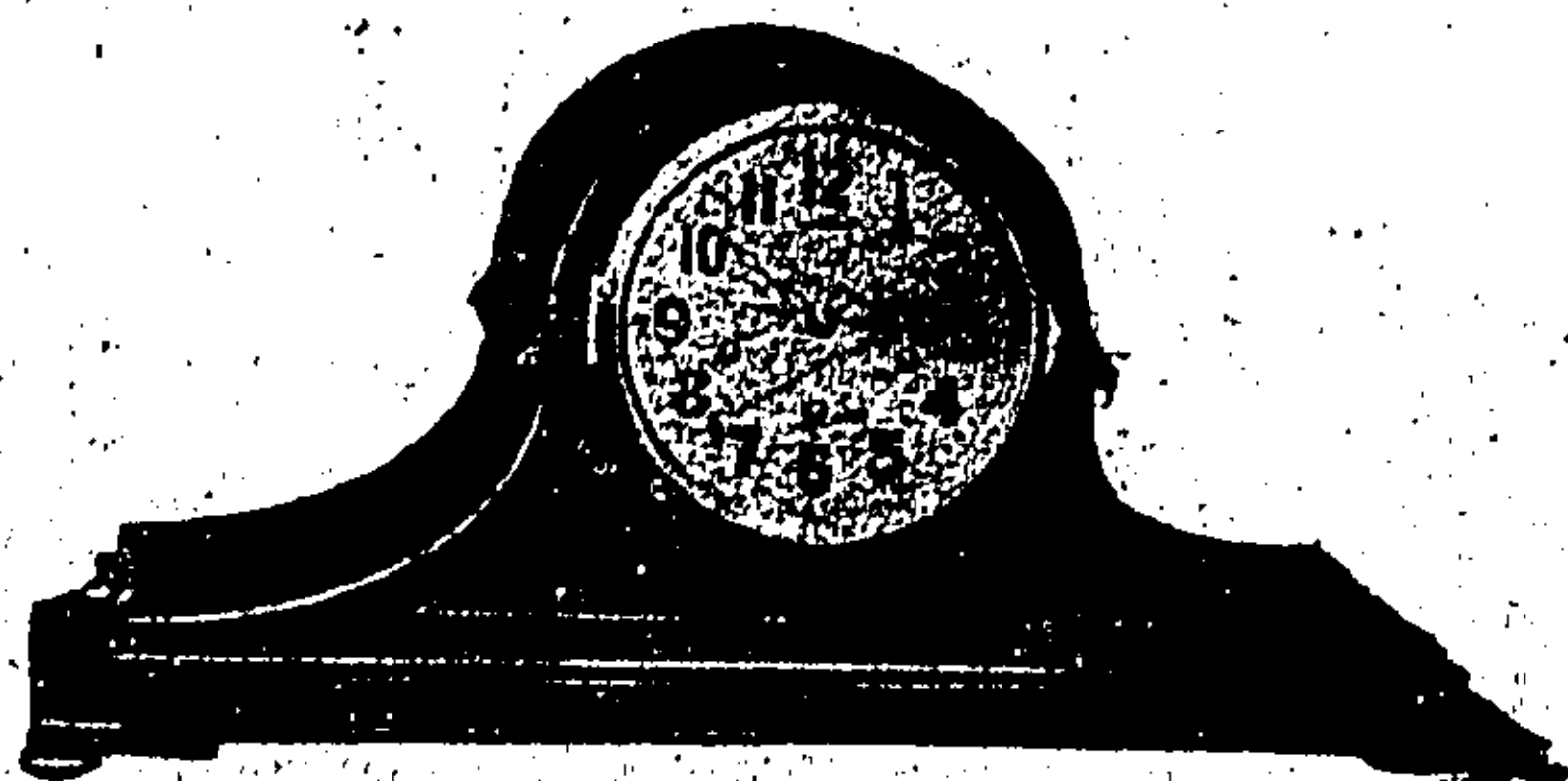


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THE CHAMBER AND THE DOLLAR.

We must confess to some surprise that the annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has so little to say in regard to the currency crisis, caused by the slump in silver, especially as it affects the trade of the Colony. There can have been few occasions in the history of the Chamber when a more serious situation has confronted the business life of the Colony than that which at present exists. Yet, so far as we are able to judge from the report of the Chamber's activities last year, the Committee does not appear to have gone at all deeply into consultation on a problem which affects every line of business and which seems destined to continue to disturb trade for a very considerable period. We realise, of course, that the crisis has made its effects felt very much more during the past three months than during the period covered by the Chamber's report, but if the matter has latterly been under discussion, we should have thought some mention of the fact might have been included in the references to the subject.

Let us see what the report has to say in regard to this matter. It is admitted that currency problems have been "the principal anxiety" of business in Hongkong and the Far East for some months, and that the process of adjustment to changed, and ever-changing, conditions is painful, but the Committee has small comfort to offer. The reference to the effects of the silver slump on the Colony's export trade is interesting. It states that this branch of our commercial activities which should eventually benefit by the exceptionally low exchange, is handicapped by disturbed conditions in South China Provinces. As we have on many occasions pointed out, however, disturbed conditions are not peculiar to China, and in respect of Kwangtung, at any rate, it can hardly be claimed that affairs are at present nearly so chaotic as they have often been in the past. We venture to suggest that the silver crisis, and not disturbed conditions in China, is as responsible for the interference with our export trade as it is with our import business. On the question of remedy, the Chamber says that apparently only peace and a vastly improved standard of living in China, as the principal silver-using country of the world, can

offer any prospect of permanent betterment of present conditions; and that, unfortunately, is still a distant expectation. "If," it is added, "the slump in silver promotes an earlier solution of China's political problems it may prove, in the long run, a blessing in disguise."

We should have thought that, the leading business men of the Colony could have gone much more fully into this matter, than the Chamber's report indicates. They must know from actual experience how the currency tangle is causing commercial stagnation, and we are frankly surprised that they have no suggestions to offer for dealing with the problem. The fatalistic attitude of waiting until peace comes to China and a higher standard of living is realised, gets us nowhere. Surely a crisis of the present magnitude should call forth something more positive and constructive than a mere statement of the ill-effects of the slump and a pious hope that eventually our present trials may prove a blessing in disguise. Is there no alternative but for this Colony to be submerged, with China, in disaster resulting from the currencies of both being based on a commodity which is depreciating in value with every week that passes? Investigation may show that there is none, but, on the other hand, there may, after all, be something in the plea so strongly put forward in many quarters, that some effort should be made to stabilise the Hongkong dollar. At any rate the possibility should not be ruled out by merely resorting to a policy of utter inaction. This is a matter in which the Government should with every reason hope for some guidance from the Chamber of Commerce. So far, if the annual report tells the whole story, none has been forthcoming.

Sugar Subsidy.

A pitfall is somewhere set for every form of political doctrinarianism and Mr. Snowden's dictum that the food of the people must be untaxed, come what may, has found its own particular snag in the sugar problem. The industry in the West Indies is reported by Lord Olivier, a Labour Peer, to be in a precarious position, and he says quite frankly that complete ruin would follow the repeal of the sugar taxes, involving as it would the disappearance of Preference. During a recent debate in the House of Lords, Lord Passfield admitted that Mauritius is in similar plight. Special investigators have urged the Government to establish a single purchasing agency for the British Isles, to buy Empire sugar at a special rate and other supplies at the market figure, and to further increase the British Preference. The Government has declined, as was to be expected. It will not acquiesce in any proposal which would increase the price of sugar to the British consumer, but it is hinted, as a possibility, that the fears are unjustified and that Preference will remain. But the Government has taken another line of policy, in addition. A few weeks ago, it was officially announced that the British Government would share with the Colonial Governments the losses of the industry under a guarantee scheme; provided the British commitment does not exceed £500,000. The sugar industry, therefore, is to be bounty-fed, the Government following the example of the countries that have created the cut-throat competition, which reminds us that Mr. Tom Shaw is a believer in the view that economically and politically, whether we like it or not, Britain is bound to the international system. Mr. Snowden scouts the view, while subscribing to it by admitting the need for the proposed subsidy.

The St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Y.M.C.A. Division is holding a benefit concert on the 4th and 5th April, (7.30 p.m.) at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. The following donations towards the Divisional fund are acknowledged with thanks:—Anonymous \$100, Mr. Fung \$50, Mr. Ho Ki \$20.

DAY BY DAY.

ONCE FULLY ENSLAVED, NO NATION, STATE, CITY ON THIS EARTH EVER AFTERWARDS RESUMES ITS LIBERTY.—Walt Whitman.

The Chief Justice yesterday reserved judgment in the land mortgage case.

The P. and O. s.s. Rawalpindi, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The P. & O. s.s. Karmala, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 22nd March at 2 p.m.

Mr. Julius Forstmann and party, aboard the luxurious motor yacht Orion, left the Colony to-day.

The Empress of Russia is due here at 8.30 a.m. on the 31st inst. and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.

A small quantity of fireworks will be fired at the Stonecutters Rifle Range for proof purposes on Monday, March 31.

The motor vessel Teurcoing, of the Norwegian Africa & Australia Line, left Singapore on the 24th inst. and is due here on Saturday, 29th inst.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday at 5.45 p.m.

The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade by H. E. The Officer Administering the Government will be held on Murray Parade ground on Thursday at 5.15 p.m.

Mr. Paul Sykes, Canadian Trade Commissioner, returned to Hongkong from Shanghai by s.s. Chenonceaux. Mr. Sykes travelled to Shanghai with Hon. Herbert Marler, Canadian Minister to Japan and his party, and has spent some time there on official business.

Two Chinese of Woosung Street appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of harbouring two girls. The first defendant was additionally charged with being in possession of a fighting iron, namely, a knuckle-duster, fit for an unlawful purpose. On the application of Detective Inspector Fallon, the two defendants were remanded for one week.

A lecture (illustrated) will be given by Mr. Charles E. Moore, B.Sc., A.M.I. Struct. E., on Architecture, in the main building of the University, under the auspices of the University Engineering Society on Thursday next at 8.45 p.m. The general public are invited to attend. Attention is drawn to the change of time which is to be 8.45 p.m. instead of 5.30 p.m. as previously announced.

Following a plea for leniency by his master, a foki of a shop in Reclamation Street was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of larceny of \$50. After a report of the loss of the money was made the defendant was suspected, and when questioned, admitted that he had taken it. The master intimated to his Worship that the defendant, who was a relative, had promised to make good the loss.

ANCHOR LOST.

LATER PICKED UP BY POLICE LAUNCH.

Mr. D. Forbes, of the Bank Line, Ltd., made a report to the police on behalf of Capt. Davies, of the s.s. City of Birmingham, that on Monday his ship anchored at Junk Bay, when the anchor fouled, and he lost it, together with several fathoms of chain. Yesterday, police launch No. 4 reported that at 6 a.m. it had located the anchor and was proceeding with the work of raising it.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 25.
Paris	124.25
Geneva	25.135
Milan	20.385
Oslo	18.17
Helsingfors	18.94
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	424
Hongkong	4.88 31/32
New York	12.12 1/2
Amsterdam	13.10
Stockholm	34.575
Vienna	89.00
Madrid	89.00
Bucharest	818
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Yokohama	2/0 1/2
Brussels	34.88
Milan	20.385
Copenhagen	18.17
Prague	14.4 3/16
Lisbon	108.30
Rio	5.25 3/32
Shanghai	1/11 1/2
Silver (spot)	19 1/2
Silver (forward)	19 1/8

—British Wireless.

A PRETTY NAVAL WEDDING.

CATHEDRAL CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON.

Lieut. Christopher John Wood, R.N., the eldest son of Col. and Mrs. Wood, of Dillways, Farnham, Surrey, was married this afternoon to Miss Kate Hallaran, younger daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. Hallaran, the ceremony taking place at St. John's Cathedral, Dean Swann officiating.

There was a large attendance of friends including brother officers of the bridegroom. The bride entered on the arm of Lieut. Comdr. A.M. Hughes, R.N., by whom she was given away. She looked very charming, carrying a sheaf of pink roses and wearing a dress of white crepe satin set in a medieval style, with pearl girdle and crepe satin train which was lined with white georgette and trimmed at the corners with sprays of orange blossoms. A white tulle veil worn with a wreath of orange blossom completed an altogether charming effect.

The bridesmaids were Miss Annette Taylor and Gillian Hudson, who wore white organdie muslin over pink Kate Greenaway dresses, and Leghorn straw poke bonnets.

Lieut. H. J. C. Stokes, R.N., discharged the duties of "best man." Mr. F. Mason was at the organ. A reception was held, subsequent to the ceremony, at the Hongkong Hotel, where Lt. and Mrs. Wood received the congratulations of their many friends.

The honeymoon is being spent at Manila, the bride's going-away dress being of beige georgette with coat.

"AND SO TO BED" BY THE A.D.C.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NIGHT AT THEATRE ROYAL.

Anyone who left the Theatre Royal last night after seeing "And So To Bed" not satisfied with the production was certainly hard to please. The standard of the acting was far above the usual, and the singing as well as the co-operation between the players and the orchestra was well-nigh perfect. The eye was struck from the very beginning with the colourful costumes and the delightful scenic effects, the blending of the tones being very effective.

The actors had the advantage of playing to a full house of enthusiastic listeners and were at no loss for well-merited applause. It would be almost impossible to pick out from the body of players any whose work was outstanding, but special credit is due to Fay Grossman as Mrs. Pepsy. She played the jealous wife to perfection. As Sammel Pepsy, the loyal and honest servant of the King, but whose peccadillos had stirred up his wife's anger, E. W. Hamilton was a great favourite with the house.

All the other players performed their parts to the satisfaction of their audience but space will not allow of a detailed description of their merits. The performance was perhaps the best that has yet been offered by the A.D.C. and all who took part in it are to be congratulated on their fine display.

FLOWER SELLERS AT NEW PITCH.

NOW MOVED INTO ON LAN STREET.

Last night, the flower vendors who have occupied stalls in Wyndham Street for over fifty years moved to their new quarters in On Lan Street, where they have been accommodated just off the pavement on the left-hand side.

This morning, in addition to patrons, many residents went along to the new site to see the general lay-out of the stalls. On the whole, business seems to have been just as brisk as usual, although visitors to the Colony will find it more difficult to locate the floral display.

Yesterday, we stated that enquiries made by the police from the Masonic authorities regarding the possibility of a site being secured near the Masonic Hall had not been replied to, but we are today informed that this is incorrect. Our information yesterday was supplied by the Inspector General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe), who, on his attention being called to the matter this morning, said the police letter had been answered by the Masonic authorities, whose reply had also been acknowledged. Mr. Wolfe said the mistake was entirely his, and he much regretted it. The Masonic letter stated that they would not see their way clear to granting the request.

MR. EDWIN HAWARD.

London, Mar. 25. Mr. Edwin Haward, who has been appointed editor of the North China Daily News, is sailing on Thursday for Shanghai.—Reuter.

The Very Idea!

Thus a writer to the London Morning Post:—I beg to enclose a cutting from the Daily Mail of April 1, 1931:

A meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday at the offices of the Daily Express, the Prime Minister, Lord Beaverbrook, presiding. It is understood that the subjects under discussion were the Government By Newspaper Bill. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Viscount Rothermere, is considering the question of the depleted Treasury. It is probable that there will be an addition of a shilling to the income tax, but this will not apply to registered readers of the Daily Mail and Daily Express.

"Now take the Smith family—there is mamma, papa, and the baby. How many does that make?" "Bright Son: Two and one to carry."

The landlady of the country inn had organised a "sweep" among her regular customers. When the blacksmith called for his "usual," he asked the good lady the result of the draw.

"Oh," said she, "I drew first prize, my old man drew the second prize, and my son the third. Aren't we lucky? And, by the way, you haven't paid for your ticket." "No," replied the smith; "Ain't I lucky?"

A school was pursuing its placid course (relates a Manchester Guardian gossip) when a woman appeared in the hall carrying a big hammer, and calling loudly for Miss So-and-so. Miss So-and-so duly appeared, but at the sight of the hammer beat a hasty retreat to her room, where she secured the door.

The head mistress now came on the scene, and suggested that it might be better if they talked it over in her private room.

"No fear," was the reply; "I've come here to use this hammer, and I'm going to use it. My Johnny's got the seat right out of his pants."

"But surely," urged the bewildered head, "Miss So-and-so did not do that?"

"No," said the irate parent, "and I'm not blaming anybody, but I'm going to knock that nail down."

A man handed the chemist a small packet of powder.

"Do you mind telling me what that is?" he asked. "I think it's sugar."

The chemist tasted the powder. "It certainly isn't sugar," he declared.

"Then my wife may be right," said the man. "She bought it for rat poison."

Yesterday's health return shows one Chinese case of smallpox. The return for the week ending March 22 gives the following cases, figures in parentheses indicating the number of deaths:—Typhoid 2 (1), smallpox 10 (10), diphtheria 1 (1), cerebro-spinal meningitis 1 (1), influenza (1), malaria (4) and tuberculosis (42).

WHO WAS NICK BOTTOM?

Nick Bottom was a weaver by profession, and lived, according to Shakespeare's delightful "Midsummer Night's Dream," in the state of Athens at the time of Duke Theseus.

The artisans of Athens decided to get up a play for the Duke's entertainment. They chose to perform "Pyramus and Thisbe," and they met in the glade of a wood to cast the different parts and carry on their rehearsals. Bottom was given the part of Pyramus, but being a fat old fool, he wished to play every other part as well, including the part of the lion, for which he demonstrated his "fitness" by roaring with all the might of his lungs.

Being told, however, that Pyramus was a very fine part, Nick Bottom's vanity was appeased, but during the first rehearsal the mischievous sprite Puck happened to be roaming through the forest and clapped upon his shoulders a huge ass's head. His comrades fled in terror, but Thisbe, the Fairy Queen, awaking from sleep in a nearby bower, fell in love with the monstrous ass, and had him garlanded by her elves, and lulled to sleep. When he awoke, Puck had removed the ass's head, and Bottom put all his experiences down to a dream—"Bottom's Dream," which has become a famous phrase in literature.

For all his foolishness and pomposity, there was a grain of hard common sense in Nick Bottom, and he certainly had no rival in suggesting devices for the entertainment of the Duke.

POULTRY CRUELTY PROBLEM.**MAGISTRATE WANTS ADVICE OF EXPERT.****CAN'T ASK CHICKEN!**

The recent controversy regarding cruelty to poultry caused Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to desire the advice of an expert on the question, and when two Chinese were charged before him, he remanded both men for the attendance in Court of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

When the cases were mentioned, his Worship said there was considerable difference of opinion about the proper manner of carrying chickens. Some people argued that carrying them by the wings was the most humane way. It was unfortunate they could not ask the chickens if this method of carrying hurt them!

In each of the two cases it was stated by the constable that the wings of the chickens had been tied, while they were being carried suspended with their heads hanging downwards.

His Worship intimated that in the next cases of cruelty he would like to have the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon as a witness.

Speaking to the interpreter, his Worship told him to inform the defendants that it was the opinion of the Court that the most humane way of carrying chickens was to tie their legs and support them with the arm and not carrying them head downwards.

Continuing, his Worship remarked that perhaps it would be well to remand the two defendants as he would like to know what the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon had to say. He wanted the opinion of someone who knew better than he what the feelings of chickens were.

The two cases were remanded for 48 hours.

INJURED BY STONES.**THREE CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY.**

Falling and flying stones caused three accidents yesterday, with the result that three patients are now receiving treatment for injuries in the Kowloon Hospital.

The most seriously injured of the three, is Ng Shek, aged 56, a stone-breaker, who received terrible injuries to his head whilst engaged in blasting operations on a hill at the rear of the Kowloon Hospital. He now lies in a critical condition.

A second instance is that of Lau Ching, a motor lorry driver, who received injuries to his right hip caused by a falling stone, weighing 20 lbs., which suddenly dropped from the hillside at the north end of Prince Edward Road. In the third case, Choi Yuen, aged 40, a cook aboard the s.s. Ngok Fee, was injured in the right leg by a flying piece of stone, which struck him during blasting operations at Kowloon Docks.

MISSING FRENCHMAN.**BELIEVED TO HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE.**

There is reason to fear that M. Charles Moureaux, the Frenchman who on Monday morning jumped from the first floor of the Peninsula Hotel and was later seen in Kowloon without coat, shoes or stockings, has ended his life by jumping overboard from the s.s. President Taft yesterday morning.

It appears that when the ship was about ten miles from Waglan, someone was seen to jump overboard, and from the fact that all the passengers and crew were accounted for, it is assumed that he was a stowaway. The man is said to have been sitting on deck amongst a number of Chinese, wearing a blue shirt and a blue trousers, when he suddenly got up, struck a Chinese in the face and climbed the rails at the stern of the ship, and jumped overboard. No trace of him was subsequently seen.

The news of the occurrence was received in a radio message to the Dollar Line, and it is presumed that the man was M. Moureaux.

RUBBER ESTATE REPORT.**THE GULA-KALUMPONG PROFIT.**

The following information has been received by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, in regard to the Gula-Kalumpong Rubber Estates, Limited:

"The annual meeting of the Gula-Kalumpong Rubber Estates, Limited, was held in London on 25th March and out of the balance of £70,967.10.10 at credit of Profit & Loss Account at 31st December,

WORLD TOURISTS ARRIVE.**"RESOLUTE" BRINGS MANY NOTABILITIES.****STAYS TILL FRIDAY.**

With a complement of 381 passengers, the Resolute, premier cruising vessel of the Hamburg-American fleet, arrived in port this morning from Manila on her seventh cruise around the world in as many years. She berthed at Kowloon.

After a drive around Hong Kong Island and to the Peak during the morning, the party lunched at the Hongkong Hotel. The afternoon is kept free for independent action.

During to-morrow about 150 will make an optional excursion to Canton, the remainder going to Macao. The Resolute will sail at noon on Friday, for Amoy.

Over 800 souls are aboard the Resolute, there being 453 of the crew.

Details of the Ship.

The Resolute was built in conformity with the rules laid down by the Germanischer Lloyd. She aggregates just under 20,000 gross registered tons and has three decks and one partial deck, her principal measurements being:

Length 588 ft., beam 72 ft., depth 44 ft. Each of the three huge funnels rises 105.6 ft. above the water.

The vessel is equipped with three propellers. The drive is effected by two reciprocating engines and one turbine, the combined output of which is about 12,000 h.p., sufficient to provide the vessel with a speed of 16½ knots. It goes without saying that all the prescribed safety devices and a good many others as well have been installed on board.

Of 51 collegians aboard the Resolute, representing 34 institutions of higher learning, Colorado University, Columbia University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan University and Wellesley, claim three delegates each; Drake University, New York University, Oregon University, Princeton University, Rochester University, Smith and Vassar, two each, and twenty-three others one each.

Prominent Passengers.

Among the prominent passengers aboard are Miss R. Katharine Benson, author, Indianapolis, Indiana; Dr. Clayton M. Brown, Buffalo, N. Y.; David Clarke, all-around athletic champion of the United States and Europe, New Rochelle, N. Y.; William Douglas, manager-editor of Toronto Daily News, Canada; Mr. Eberhard Faber, the famous lead-pencil manufacturer; Dr. Frederick J. Fessenden, headmaster of the Fessenden School for Boys, West Newton, Mass.; Dr. Max Fischer, editor of Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Berlin; Major-General Milton J. Foreman, U.S. Army, retired, D.S.C., D.S.M.; Benjamin A. Fryer, city editor of Daily Eagle, Reading, Pa.; Dr. Robert B. Preble, celebrated diagnostician, Chicago; Edward J. Quackenbush, general manager of Bethlehem Chile Iron Mines Co., Coquimbo, Chile; Claude D. Rorer, banker, Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. Agnes Morrow Scandrett, writer, sister of U.S. Ambassador Dwight Morrow to Mexico and aunt of Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, New York City; and Mrs. Oscar Straus, widow of the late U.S. Ambassador to Turkey.

Oldest and Youngest.

Of the 381 cruise members, 223, or 58%, are of the feminine gender, and 157, or 42%, of the masculine. Their average age is 49.5 years, with Miss Evelyn Brown, 7, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Jasper R. Brungart, 78, of Rebersburg, Pa., as the youngest and oldest, respectively.

Commanding the Resolute is Captain Fritz Kruse, making his tenth circumnavigation of the globe. He was aboard the first world cruise ever undertaken, on the Hamburg-American liner, Cleveland, in 1909. Mr. Charles C. Hagar, another old head at the cruising game, is the Cruise Director, assisted by a staff comprising Messrs. Wilhelm Querner, Einar L. Dane, Leo Lindes, Friedrich von Goertz, Julius Hesper, S. Budd Ross, R. L. Ellington, Edwin K. Hastings, Earl Planché, Walter W. Spellman, Rudolph Feick and Frank G. Rockwell. Mrs. Lou R. Dodds is the social hostess, assisted by Miss Geraldine McGowan, and Mr. Dennis H. Dickason is press representative and lecturer.

Other ship's officers include First Officer Arthur Jost, Chief Engineer F. Petersen, Chief Purser F. Vink, Surgeon S. Mayer-Clasen and Chief Steward H. Domini.

1929, a dividend was declared of 1/6 per share less Income Tax of 4/-, and £20,000 was transferred to Reserve Fund; the dividend is payable on and after 9th April to all shareholders registered on 25th March. After providing for Income Tax, this will leave a balance of £31,067.19.0 to be carried forward to next account. Bearer Shares-Coupon No. 80 was drawn.

A VAGRANT FROM MONGOLIA.**HELD TO BE CHINESE NATIONALITY.****HOUSE OF DETENTION.**

A man whose nationality is defined as "Mongolian" was brought before Mr. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning as a vagrant, having given himself up to the police on being stranded here.

Discussion followed from an application by Inspector A. Clark for the committal of the man to the House of Detention, where the rule hitherto has been to admit only persons other than Chinese.

His Worship held that Mongolia is, geographically at least, a part of China, and the man's description of himself as being a Mongolian established his nationality as Chinese.

It was stated that the man could speak Russian, in addition to the Northern dialect, in which he managed to make himself understood by the Court Interpreter.

His Worship decided to commit the man to the House of Detention until such time as work could be found for him on a ship sailing from the Colony. He was informed that he would be taken care of by the police during that period.

He bowed with marked courtesy in acknowledging his indebtedness to the Bench.

MACAO NOTES.**CHINESE AVIATION SCHOOL POSSIBLE.**

Macao, Mar. 23. Rumours are current in Macao that a number of Chinese merchants are anxious to establish a school of aviation in the Colony, if their programme should be found acceptable to the authorities, and if the necessary permission can be secured for the purpose.

It is not known if the promoters of the enterprise are in any way connected with manufacturers of aeroplanes, but it is believed that the exponents of the scheme hope to be able to assemble and build planes if possible.

New Chairman.

Mr. Chuck Suen-lo, eldest son of the late Commodore Loo Lim-yok, has been elected chairman of the Chinese Merchants Association here.

Mr. Lo, who received his education in the United States, is connected with more than one of the banking establishments in Macao besides other enterprises.

New Cinema.

The acquisition of a piece of land by the Macao agent of the enterprising Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., is reported. On the site, which is one of the most valuable in the city, a splendid cinema-theatre is to be erected, and will fill the growing need for a theatre worthy of the Colony.

By the provision of a well-equipped stage the new theatre will fill a much-felt want in Macao. —Our Own Correspondent.

PROMISSORY NOTE CLAIM FAILS.**DEFENDANT WILLING TO CUT BULLOCK'S HEAD!****WIVES WHO RAN AWAY**

A Chinese defendant, in the Summary Court this morning, volunteered not only to "cut the cock's head" to vouch for the truthfulness of his evidence, but to cut the bullock's head as well! In the course of his evidence, defendant admitted that two of his former wives had run away and he had married for a third time.

The case, which came before Mr. Justice Wood, was one in which Chung Chi, No. 71, Sai Kung Road, sued Lau Cheung, No. 4, Cheung On Street, for the sum of \$80 alleged to be due under a promissory note dated September 19, 1929. Both parties conducted their own cases.

Plaintiff stated that he lent the money to defendant for the latter's business, the note being written in defendant's shop. Defendant promised to repay it at the end of the year.

Defendant agreed that he signed the note, but denied that he received any money. He stated that plaintiff's sister came to Hongkong from the country and he took her to plaintiff's house, as he himself was not then married. The woman was waiting for a letter containing money from her husband who was abroad and she stayed at plaintiff's house for 13 months without any signs of a letter.

Defendant said that plaintiff made him sign the note on account of provisions supplied to the woman, saying defendant was responsible as he took the woman to plaintiff's house.

In reply to his Lordship, defendant said he signed the note to avoid plaintiff creating trouble in his (defendant's) shop.

His Lordship said the story of \$80 being borrowed seemed to him to be untrue, and he could not find that defendant was under any obligation to sign the note for the woman's provisions. Judgment would be entered for defendant with costs.

JUBILEE REGATTA.**CENTENARY OF ROYAL SWEDISH YACHT CLUB.**

Seventeen nations—and a record number of boats will take part in the brilliant jubilee regatta at Sandhamn, near Stockholm, this summer, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Swedish Yacht Club, said to be the oldest association of its kind in the world.

The regatta will be held during the week 14-20 of July, and the arrival of a record number of yachts from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Danzig, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, England, Spain, America, Chile and Hungary has already been announced.

On July 14 the regatta week will be opened by solemn festivals in Stockholm. On the 15th of July the races will begin at Sandhamn, charmingly situated in the archipelago of Stockholm. Several large vessels will be anchored there to serve as floating hotels for the benefit of the many visitors.

Amongst these will be the big and luxurious motor liner "Kung-

TO-DAY'S WANTS.

25 WORDS\$1.00,
(\$1.50 if Not Prepaid.)
The following replies have been received:—
544, 545, 547, 550, 556, 559, 595, 598, 618, 634, 639, 642, 647, 650, 616.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

SITUATIONS WANTED.—European seeks situation as storeman or time-keeper. No objection to Outposts. Write Box No. 654, "Hongkong Telegraph."

WANTED.

WANTED.—Bathing HUT (Mainland). Advertiser wishes to rent or pay for share bathing hut or matched 1930. Box No. 652, "Hongkong Telegraph."

WANTED.—An opportunity occurs for a suitable man to join three others in a voyage around the world by junk, starting from Hongkong on April 7th. Organizer who is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and fully qualified to undertake the voyage, has secured all necessary data and equipment. Write Box No. 655, "Hongkong Telegraph."

MATCHED WANTED.—At Repulse Bay for the coming season. Please write Box No. 646, "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—STUDEBAKER Light Six touring car, recently overhauled and re-painted. Tyres in good condition. Write Box No. 653, "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.—Four new evening Gowns, three at \$20.00 each, one at \$45.00. Write to Box No. 631, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

PREMISES TO LET.

TO LET.—Ground Floor Flat at Jordan Road, Kowloon, opposite Union Church. Modern conveniences. Please phone K.716, for particulars.

TO LET.—For 6 months, 5 roomed HOUSE on the Peak, modern sanitation. Apply Secretary, P. O. Box 22.

TO LET.—Office BOOM in Central Locality. Apply to Karamyal & Co., 20, Queen's Road Central.

TO LET.—Office Rooms, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building. Apply to Sang Kee, same Building.

TO LET.—Ground floor, No. 2, Granville Road, Kowloon. Apply to Kwong Fat Yuen, 33, Des Voeux Road West or phone C.1282.

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sholm" of the Swedish-American Line as well as several other Swedish and foreign ships. The races will include all the international classes of boats, and about a hundred of the world's best yachts are expected to take part. Added interest and brilliancy will be lent to the regatta through the Stockholm Exhibition of Arts, Crafts and Ideal Homes to be held in the Swedish capital during the time May-October this year.

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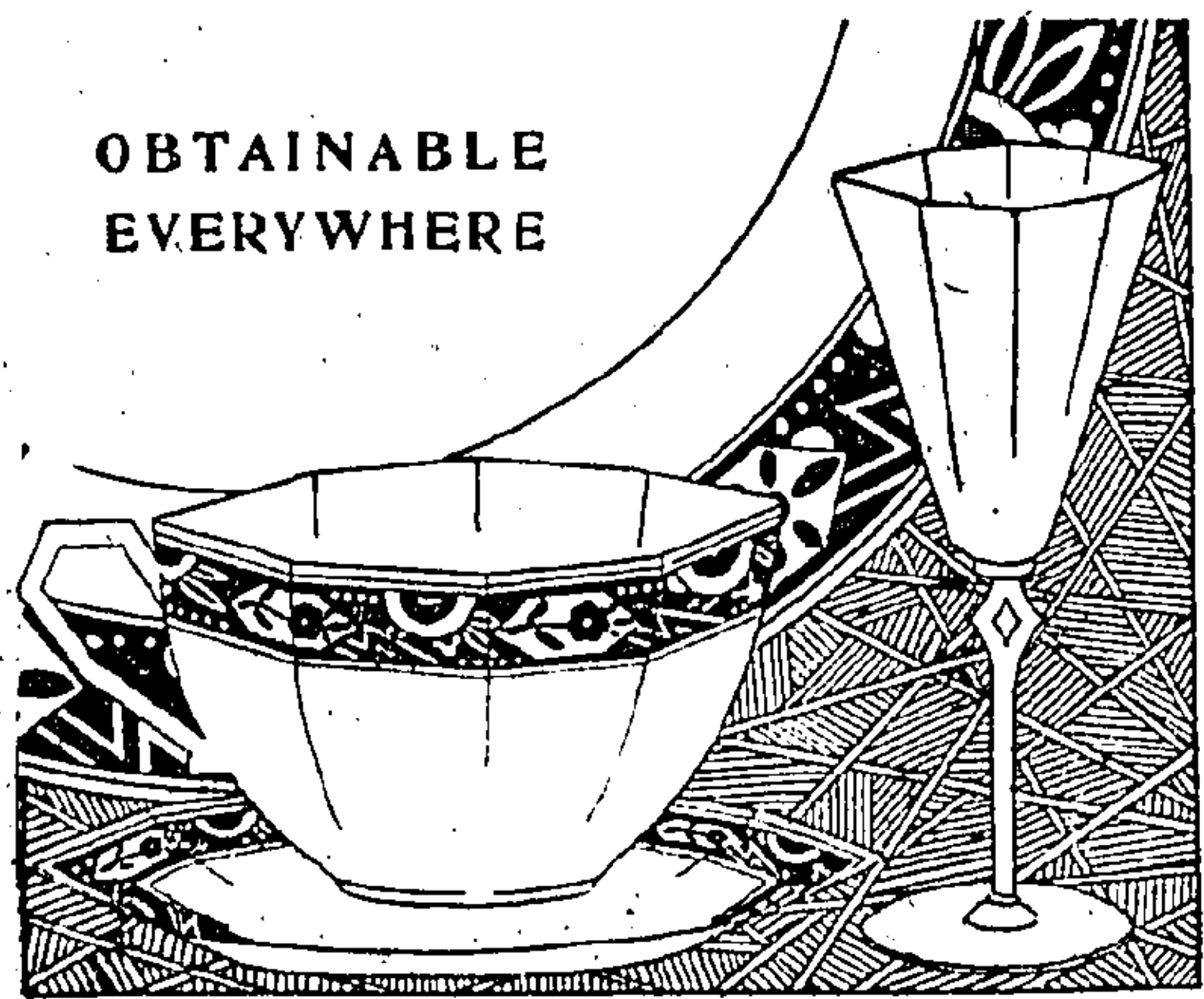
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TENNIS TOURNAMENT**NG SZE-KWONG LOSES
IN SINGLES**

Inability to retain a winning
grip, cost Ng Sze-kwong his cham-
pionship match against Ho Ka-
lau yesterday, the former holder
of the singles title losing to five
sets, after having the match well
in hand.

Yesterday's game served to
prove that Ng Sze-kwong has
got to win a quick match now-
days, if he is to win at all, and
that a full five-set contest is too
much for him. Yet it was largely
his own fault that he did not
win in straight sets. After ob-
taining the first two, he played
carelessly, and gave Ho Ka-lau
chances to recover, which he was
not slow in seizing.

Credit must be given to Ho
for the tenacious manner in which
he strived throughout, and it was
due to his fighting spirit that he
won through. The general stan-
dard of tennis was not so high as
one would have expected, both
players favouring safety tactics,
but at intervals they brightened
up to some fast rallies, which
gave an indication that they were
capable of better things.

Ho Ka-lau now meets E.C.
Fincher in the top quarter semi-
final—a match that is assured
of keeping the interest of the
spectators to high pitch.

The full scores yesterday were:
Open Singles.—Ho Ka-lau beat Ng
Sze-kwong, 3-5, 1-6, 6-4, 8-6, 8-6.
Handicap Singles "A".—L. T. Ride
(owe 1/8) beat H. J. Armstrong
(owe 1/5), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
Handicap Doubles.—A. D. Ham-
phreys and G. R. Sayer (owe 15) beat
Dr. C. H. Burton and J. R. Hinton
(rec. 15), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

CINEMA NOTES.**"DYNAMITE" FOR THRILLS
AND GLAMOUR**

"Dynamite," Cecil B. De Mille's
first talking production, returns to
the Queen's Theatre for to-day
only. This story by Jeanie Mac-
Pherson introduces a spectacular
coal miner into high society, and
accomplishes a dramatic and exotic
result not unlike, in effect, those
achieved by such earlier produc-
tions as "Manlaughter" and
"Male and Female."

Charles Bickford and Kay John-
son, borrowed from the speaking
stage, are splendid as Hagon and
Cynthia, while Conrad Nagel and
Julia Faye have great parts which
are done in the usual finished
fashion one expects of these two
artists.

"Dynamite" is a colourful and
fascinating melange of coal mines,
wild parties, pretty girls, pretty
gowns, country clubs and state's
prisons. It's great entertainment.

Stage Star Makes Screen Debut.

Roland Young, famous New York
stage actor, hero of "Buddies" and
other Broadway shows, makes his
picture debut in the midst of a
grisly mystery, in Ben Hecht's "The
Unholy Night," which Lionel Bar-
more directed at the Metro-
Goldwyn-Mayer studios, and which
opens to-morrow at the Queen's
Theatre as an all-talking pro-
duction. It is a vivid thriller
with a notable cast that includes
Dorothy Sebastian, Ernest Tor-
rence, Natalie Moorhead, Richard
Tucker, Claude Fleming, Boris
Karloff, Polly Moran, George
Cooper, Phillip Strange, Gerald
Barry, Lionel Belmore, Sojin, John
Loder and many others of note.

The plot, an uncanny mystery,
enfold a group of British army
officers in death, suicide, Oriental
mysticism and ghastly superna-
tural occurrences. A spiritualistic
seance provides one of the most
gripping situations of the story.
The screen play was adapted from
Ben Hecht's famous story, "The
Doomed Regiment."

CRICKET.**THE LAST OF THE HONG
MATCH.**

The last of the Hong matches will
be played on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.
prompt. Wayfoong will be repre-
sented by the following.—W. J. Clerk,
S. J. H. Fox, B. P. Massey, G. D.
Mend, M. E. H. G. Mills, D. J. Milne,
Ray, B. V. Parker, J. H. Ratke, M.
D. Scott, E. P. Streatfield, R. H. D.
Wade.

Ewo have already beaten both Way-
foong and Taikoo.

University Match.

The following have been selected to
represent the Engineers in the Inter-
Faculty match against the Arts
at 2 p.m. to-day.—Prof. F. A.
Redmond, Chen Fah-shin, A. A. Aziz,
(Capt.), K. P. Gan, A. B. Suliman,
W. H. Kwan, H. Nomanboy, P. L.
Tan, S. A. Kyum, Ng Kam-sooi, L. A.
Silva, Reserve: B. H. Schroter.

**LONDON PARLEY IN
BETTER SPIRITS.**

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titute towards consultative pacts
and were willing to enter into such
a pact in order to save the Naval
Conference, led to the issue at
midnight of an official statement
by the American delegation that
its attitude had not changed.

America, the statement points
out, has no objection to entering
into a consultative pact as such,
but would not enter into any
treaty where there was a danger
of its obligation being misunder-
stood as involving a promise to
render military assistance or
guaranteeing protection by mili-
tary force to another nation.

America's Attitude.

Such a misunderstanding might
arise if the United States entered
into such a treaty as a *quid pro*
quo for the reduction of the naval
forces of another Power.

That danger has hitherto in-
hered in the present situation
where France has been demanding
a mutual military security as a
condition of naval reduction.

But if this demand for security
could be satisfied in some other
way, then the danger of a misun-
derstanding of a consultative pact
would be eliminated, and the ques-
tion could be approached from an
entirely different standpoint.

The American delegation would
then consider the suggestion with
an entirely open mind.—*Reuter.*

French Senate Discussion.

Paris, Mar. 25.
During the debate in the Senate
on the Foreign Office Estimates,
M. Briand said that a great step
forward would be made in London
if an agreement was reached on
the basis of the French Memoran-
dum at the outset of the Confer-
ence.

France did not deserve the re-
proach of being the obstacle to a
good solution.

She had placed her cards on the
table from the start.

"Dangerous Equality."

"Now that I am preparing to
return to the Conference we would
like to be able to give satisfaction
to a neighbouring and friendly
country, but care must be taken
not to breed excessive hopes in
nations. One must not try to set
up a theory which is really tant-
amount to dangerous equality."

M. Briand concluded by reiterat-
ing the determination of France
to establish a general agreement
to advantage. All conversations
had not yet closed, and he did not
despair of seeing the problem
taken up again when there were
greater possibilities of a solution.
—*Reuter.*

President Hoover Active.

Washington, Mar. 25.
There are indications that
President Hoover is busy with
matters relating to the naval con-
ference in London.

He had long talks to-day with
Mr. Cotton, the acting Secretary
of State, and he was also visited
by Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, former
Secretary of State, who sub-
sequently expressed the opinion
that "something in the nature of a
limitation pact will be forthcoming
in London."—*Reuter's American*
Service.

**UNEXPECTED TURN IN
NORTH.**

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Session, describing the Third
Kuomintang Session, summoned
by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, as
illegal and contrary to Kuomintang
principles.

Chiang Watching Events.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.
It is reported that Marshal
Chiang Kai-shek intends to re-
main at Fenghua until events
have demonstrated the attitude
which various generals professing
to support him intend to take.

Mr. Tan Yen-kai, President of
the Executive Yuan, has wired
from Nanking urging Chiang Kai-
shek to return, pointing out that
his absence has resulted in the
circulation of rumours which are
prejudicial to the Nationalist
Government.—*Reuter.*

Yen Wants Peace.

Peking, Mar. 25.
It is understood that the *North*
China Standard and the *Shun Tien*
Shih Po, both of which are Japa-
nese supported, are closing shortly,
probably tomorrow. Apparently
there is no intention of re-opening
either in Nanking or elsewhere.

Yen Hsi-shan is reported to have
again emphasised that he always
desires peace, asserting that he
does not intend to establish
a Government at Peking as that
would make a cleavage with Nank-
ing inevitable.

The Kuomintang officials who
were recently arrested at Taiyuan-
fu have been freed, but neverthe-
less Yen Hsi-shan is reported to
have declared his willingness to ac-
cept the post of Commander-in-
Chief of the Army, Navy, and Air
Forces. It is also reported that
Feng Yu-hsiang has ordered his
subordinates to prepare his head-
quarters at Chengchow.—*Reuter.*

**ROPE COMPANY'S
POLICY.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

ing them and business generally.

The total receipts amount to
\$106,908.06 and after deducting
Directors' and Auditors' Fees, de-
preciation, interest and commis-
sion to General Managers there re-
mains a net profit on Working Ac-
count of \$68,776.30 for the year.
Transferring this amount to Pro-
fit & Loss Account there is a
balance at credit of \$170,502.98
which your Directors recommend
be carried forward to credit of
new account.

The profit, on the year's work-
ing shows a considerable falling
off, owing to reduced sales and in-
creased cost of output. Rent
collected are lower by \$7,708.48,
owing to reduction in the terms
of the lease to the naval authori-
ties of Ma-tau-kok property.

The total amount of rent collect-
ed for the Kennedy Town houses
was \$31,830.76 as compared with
\$31,649.55 for 1928, and \$17,423.22
for the Ma-tau-kok property as
compared with \$25,312.90 for 1927.

Future Prospects.

As regards the outlook for the
present year I do not like to say
much when dealing with such
fluctuating factors as Manila hemp
and exchange, but I may say that
our sales so far are encouraging
and the fall in silver should help
our business with countries which
work on a gold basis such as
Malaya, India and Java. Under
present conditions, the Directors
think it prudent to conserve the
amount standing at credit of Pro-
fit & Loss Account until trade
generally shows more promising
signs of a revival.

I now beg to propose that the re-
port and accounts as submitted be
adopted and passed and recom-
mend that the amount of \$170,502.
98 be appropriated as follows:—

To place to credit of Typhoon &
Flood Account, \$5,000; to write
off Plant and Machinery, \$6,380;
to carry forward to credit of next
year's Account, \$159,122.98; and
when this has been seconded I
shall be pleased to answer ques-
tions.

Hon. Mr. J.P. Braga seconded,
and the report and accounts were
unanimously adopted.

Other Business.

On the proposition of Mr. Allan
Keith, seconded by Mr. H. Dryer,
Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly
Kadoorie were re-elected to the
Board of Directors.

On the motion of Mr. M.A.
Figueroa, seconded by Mr. J.
Dick, Messrs. Linstead and Davis,
and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and
Fleming were re-elected as audi-
tors to the Company.

The Directors present were:—
Mr. R.G. Shewan (in the chair),

**NOTED ARTIST'S
PICTURES.****INTERESTING DISPLAY IN
HONGKONG.**

It is very difficult to find any-
thing fresh to say about pictures
which are so well known as those
of Miss Elizabeth Keith. Her col-
our etchings, however, are quite
new to residents of Hongkong as
are five colour prints (three of
Malacca), unsketched spot. The
etchings have an exquisite quality
and are interesting contrast in de-
sign and colour to the ordinary
colour prints. Those who have a
few minutes to spare should
endeavour to pay a visit to this ex-
hibition next door to Messrs. Mou-
trie's music store.

Messrs. Komor & Komor have
arranged the pictures and they re-
main on view for four days only
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MISSING GOODS.**COOLIES STEAL A BIG
CONSIGNMENT.**

The absconding of two men with
two hundred cattie of aloe wood
and forty cattie of American Gin-
seng, after they had been entrusted
with the goods to convey them to
the Star Ferry wharf is the story
told to the police by Wu Chi, a
shop coolie of the Wong Hing-tai
Japanese piecegoods firm, of 31,
Bonham Strand, West. He states
that at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, he en-
gaged two men to carry the goods
to the wharf, where he had ar-
ranged to meet them. Upon his ar-
rival, he discovered that they were
not there.

The goods are valued at \$2,500.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.**SUCCESSFUL TESTS WITH
AUSTRALIA.**

London, Mar. 25.
The Postmaster General stated
in the House of Commons to-day
that very great success had attend-
ed the Post Office wireless tele-
phony test with Australia, which
had been proceeding for seven
months.—*British Wireless.*

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. J.P.
Braga and Mr. J. Scott Harston,
with Mr. J. Coulthart (Secretary),
Shareholders present were:—
Messrs. Kelly Sayce, M.A. Figueroa,
Allan Keith, A.L. Shields, A.A.
Botelho, E.J. Tavares, H. Dryer,
J. Dick and J.P. Toppin.

— WINTER SPORTS —

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Standing high on the Isthmus of Stanley, the new and spacious buildings of St. Stephen's College, were yesterday formally opened by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) in the presence of a large gathering of European and Chinese residents of Hongkong.

The official opening ceremony was held in the Assembly Hall, where Sir Henry Pollock presided. Amongst those present on the platform were H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, Mrs. Southern, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-Gen. J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), the Ven. Archdeacon Mok Shau-tang, the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, M.A. (Warden of the College), Rev. C. B. Shann, Mr. Li Hoi-tung, Mr. T. N. Chau, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and many others. Apologies for non-attendance were received from H. E. Admiral and Lady Waistell, Sir Henry Gollan, Commodore Hill, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Sir Joseph Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Grayburn, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Sir Shou-son Chow.

The Warden of the College also received the following telegram from the Rev. E. K. Quick, who was one time Headmaster of St. Stephen's College: "Every good wish from the Rev. E. K. Quick and old boys. Shanghai College."

Sir Henry Pollock, in opening the proceedings, said he wished to extend to His Excellency and Mrs. Southern, a very cordial welcome on behalf of the College Council, Old Boys Committee, staff and students, and to thank them very much for their presence there that day. He had also been asked to read a letter which had been sent by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Victoria, who was now on his way to England. The letter contained expressions of regret at his not being able to be present that day. The Bishop spoke of the highly valued work accomplished on behalf of the college by the Rev. Martin, the Warden. St. Stephen's College, the writer said, owed much to the Warden's energy and determination and his efforts on behalf of the realisation of the present buildings.

Warden's Speech.

The Rev. E. W. L. Martin, Warden of St. Stephen's College, said, in part: St. Stephen's College was founded in 1903 and we do well to remember our founders this day, a group of Chinese gentlemen, who included the late Hon. Sir Ho Kai, C.M.G., the late Hon. Sir Wei Yuk, C.M.G., the late Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki, Mr. Lai Kwai-pui, and one who is still actively on the School Council, namely the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, LL.D., O.B.E. With these gentlemen must be remembered the late Bishop J. C. Hoare, D.D., our first Chairman; the late Bishop Bannister, D.D., sometime Acting Warden, and especially the Venerable Archdeacon Barnett, M.A., our first Warden in 1903.

Early Days.

Two large houses known as Ball's Court in Western Street were first leased, at a very low rental because they were supposed to be haunted. The College opened with seven students. After three years the number of students had reached one hundred. By 1908 an urgent need for increased accommodation had arisen. The Chinese supporters of the school came forward and generously erected a new Wing. Originally all our students came from Hongkong, but as the College grew and its name became known, students have come from all parts of China, as well as from Chinese settlements overseas. We have even received Chinese students from Schools in England and America, and very many from the Chinese Settlements in Malaya, Java, Sumatra, Siam, Formosa, Burma, British Guiana, the Philippines and Australia. Our main support, of course, is from Chinese families in Canton and Hongkong and Macao.

The Supporters of the School.

Time does not permit me to mention all those who have helped the school through all the passing years. Yet we remember them with gratitude to-day. Sir Henry will refer to some of our bene-

facturers. Let us add a tribute to all the members of our College Council. It may come as a surprise to some, on reading the list of prominent Chinese and European gentlemen on the Council, to learn that these are men who never miss attending a Council Meeting except when unavoidable.

Dr. J. H. Saunders served for twenty-one years, Mr. W. L. Patterson retired last week after eighteen years regular attendance; while Dr. Tso holds a record of twenty-seven years attendance. We welcome to-day as new members, The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mr. Tang Shiu Kin an old boy of the College, making four Old Boys in all on the College Council.

The Old Boys.

The loyalty and support of the old boys has been unflinching through all the years. In 1925 they elected a Committee among themselves and divided into teams to collect funds; they co-operated with the Council to form the Building Committee, they inspired and helped the Present Students, they subscribed freely according to their means, they laid aside private and personal considerations in the interests of their Mother School.

Any attempt to record the manifold achievements of our Old Boys would be impossible. They formed a College Association in very early days which still flourishes strongly; and they were the nucleus of the now prosperous Chinese Recreation Club.

The night school in which a number of our students taught poor boys at Prospect Place from 1925 to 1928 was a wonderful piece of social service. At Stanley, the night school is still being carried on by the Students for the servants, who greatly appreciate it. Services are being held in the Stanley Village School for the village people. During a period of six years our students raised funds by means of entertainments, averaging \$5,000 each year. They showed great organising ability and were deterred by no difficulties. The Students of 1930 have a harder task. They are making traditions for the future generations and they are doing it well. They have the same spirit as those that have gone before them and are a body of students of whom any school may well be proud.

Chinese Studies.

After referring to the former and present staffs he continued:—As regards Chinese studies, it is well known that class teaching alone will never make a Chinese scholar. Here at Stanley our students have the advantage of three resident Chinese Masters whom they can consult after school hours, and who are willing to correct their essays and help them individually.

In 1904 the success of the school for boys led to a demand by our Chinese parents for a school for girls and younger boys. St. Stephen's College guaranteed the rent of a house in Caine Road, and the daughter school was opened in March 1906 with Miss Carden as first Headmistress. St. Stephen's Girls' College has now its own Council, and Staff and Buildings and Reputation that make us rejoice.

In 1915 some Old Boys started the Macao English College, which has done excellent work.

The Origin of the University.

At our speech day in January, 1908 His Excellency the then Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, in response to a speech by Bishop Lander suggested to us a University for Hongkong. Sir H. Mody saw the speeches in the newspaper and the present University eventually came into being. His Excellency, Sir Frederick Lugard said publicly more than once that the idea of a University was first expressed by him at St. Stephen's College. The Chinese gentlemen who were behind St. Stephen's College were responsible for raising a fund of a million dollars to endow the University.

At Stanley.

To-day history repeats itself. In 1903 the School was opened. In 1930 we celebrate a new opening. But the distinguishing features of the College remain unchanged. Our founders and supporters remain the same. In some cases sons have succeeded fathers, and we welcome many new friends and supporters of the College who have joined us as year has succeeded year.

We still emphasize moral teaching, Chinese ideals and the importance of individual attention for the formation of character. The boarding system with facilities for day boys too, mainly exercises the public school spirit. Where could a better place be found for such a school than the Isthmus of Stanley? Here "spaciousness" is our watchword. A spacious site, with spacious playing-fields, a wide horizon as we look to the open sea, unrivalled scenery around on every side, the very place to learn the wider outlook, the big and broad-view.

To the Schools of the Colony and of China we send greetings. We rejoice in their friendship and co-operation in the great ideals of education. All of us are in the great family of Colleges. But as all the Schools may be one, with the same or it may be different

vocations, so our College goes forward with its own strong traditions, and its own very high ideals.

Some Present Needs.

Our efforts are weak and we realise our imperfections keenly. But we ask sympathy and support as we strive towards our ideals. We appeal for spaciousness, now and always, and that our boundaries may be guarded far and wide from the building speculator! We want more Staff quarters. And we require proper science laboratories, including woodwork shops and a forge, where all our students may do practical work with their own hands.

In 1921 I wrote these words in our School Magazine which is known as *College Times*. "With the growth of St. Stephen's College, the uncertain condition of its premises, and the development of education seen in other schools and colleges, we look with hope to Friends, Parents, and Old Students, trusting that our confidence in them, which has never been betrayed in any past crisis, will be magnificently fulfilled in our present hour of need."

That confidence has been fully justified, and we may warmly hope that the full development of the building capacities of this beautiful site will speedily be accomplished by the carrying out of further schemes of extension which will now be referred to by the Chairman.

Future Hopes.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said: Although we are met to-day for the purpose of the official opening of St. Stephen's College at Stanley, we have reached, as your Excellency will have noticed, the proud position of already functioning here with two Hostels in working order, namely the main building, which includes this Assembly Hall and class-rooms and offices, and house-masters' quarters, and a second Hostel, which includes the Warden's residence, a communal dining-hall and kitchens.

We have also two bungalows for the staff, servants' quarters and a laundry, a garage, a playing-field and six hard tennis courts. At the present time we have some 80 Boarders and 40 Day Boys attending here regularly.

Taking into account the fact that we have such an efficient and ample staff and such fine surroundings, it seems only reasonable to suppose that our present number of boarders will much increase in the near future, till we reach our full limit of 115 boarders in our present two Hostels, and I shall look forward, on my return to this Colony in 18 months time, to learn from the Warden that that quota of boarders has been fully made up, and that a demand has set in for yet a third Hostel to accommodate 60 more Students.

Go Forward.

We must go forward. We must not stand still; and I confidently look to the Old Boys' Committee, who have done such admirable work on our Building Committee in collecting funds for our building schemes, to continue their good work of collecting, and to the present students of the College I appeal so to commend this College to their Chinese friends, with boys to educate, that we may be able, within the next few years, to complete the programme of development of this fine site in accordance with our original schedule of buildings.

That programme I may remind you, includes (1) another hostel for 60 Boys to which I have already referred; (2) science laboratories and workshops, to cost about \$50,000, which, I understand from the Warden, are the next item of extension which we hope to build in the near future if funds are forthcoming.

Incidentally, those laboratories will form an important part of our School curriculum, as that class of work, in particular is important in the preparation of students for the University of Hongkong.

Our present laboratories are of a purely temporary and provisional character. (3) Yet another requirement (on a site adjacent to the laboratories and workshops) is a gymnasium.

(4) Yet further requirements which were not included in our original scheme, are additional quarters for the Chinese staff and an extra football field, for which latter we are hoping that the Government will kindly provide the necessary comparatively small site, 100 yards by 60 yards, upon land which is not at present included within our boundaries.

In support of the plea for an extra football ground, I would venture to suggest to your Excellency that one football field only for a school, which already numbers 80 Boarders, is obviously inadequate.

(5) Later on we hope that the need will arise for that further and fourth hostel for 60 Boys which forms part of our original programme, as well as, for a library, museum and chapel.

Maintaining High Aim.

Some people may perhaps think that I am over-ambitious in advocating such numerous extensions, but we must aim high and keep forging ahead.

In our expansion in the past, we have been helped by generous contributions from supporters of our College and I should like to read out to you a list of those who have so far contributed \$1,000, and upwards to our Building Funds:

Mr. Mok Kon-sang, \$20,000; The Old Boys' Chinese Plays, \$11,850; The Students of 1922, \$8,143; Mr. Kwik Siang-kaw, \$8,000; The Students of 1925, \$6,242; The Students of 1926, \$5,638; Mr. Kwik Djoen Eng, \$5,000; Mr. Woo Hay-tong, \$5,000; The Students of 1923, \$3,716; The Asiatic Petroleum Company, \$3,500; Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. Lam Woo, The Students of 1924, \$3,000; Chau Wing Tai Kung, The British American Tobacco Company, Mrs. Montague Ede, The Students of 1927, \$2,500; Mr. Chan Pek-chun, Estate of the late Mr. Chiu U-tin, Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Mr. Li Hoi-tung, \$2,000; Estate of the late Mr. Chau Siu-ke, Mr. Lau Chun-wan, Mr. Lau Kwai-cheuk, Mr. Leung Kai-on, Mr. Lo Sau-yat, Mr. Tang Chingong, The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, \$1,000.

In honour of all those who have subscribed, \$200 and upwards, their names are to be inscribed on a tablet in the Entrance Hall. As the list is still incomplete only the names of those who have subscribed to date have been posted to-day in the Entrance Hall.

Photographs of those who have given \$500 and upwards are hung in this Hall. You will notice over the inner door-ways of several Rooms, names of those who have given \$5,000 and upwards. A room is named after each donor of \$5,000 and upwards. The Tower of the Main Building is being named after Mr. Mok Kon-sang. We confidently expect other contributors to come forward in the near future to emulate such good examples, and in this connection I am authorized to state that any benefactor, who gives \$50,000 to our Building Fund will be entitled to have this fine Hall, in which we are now named after him, and also to have a large portrait of himself in this Hall.

I will now ask you, Sir after the Hon. Dr. Tso has spoken, kindly to address the meeting, and we hope that you will be able to give us encouragement in regard to the many extensions of our College building which yet lie ahead of us.

Years of Effort.

Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, said in part:—Your Excellency, Sir Henry Pollock, Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the only founder of the College now remaining in Hongkong and the oldest member of the College Council I, on behalf of the founders and the College Council tender our hearty thanks to His Excellency for honouring us with his presence here to-day, and graciously performing the official opening of this new College building.

After 27 years of strenuous effort the College is now in the proud position of having a building of its own. As I stand here I feel a deep sense of gratitude to all those who have assisted in making the College what it is to-day—possessing as it does every facility to attain the object, which the founders had so much at heart, of providing, for Chinese youths, an education on the lines of Public Schools in England.

The Reverend Mr. (now Archdeacon) E. J. Barnett in 1902 came with Archdeacon (now Bishop) Bannister, to see the late Sir Kai Ho Kai. He undertook to establish a College for Chinese youths on the lines of Public Schools in England which they understood the Chinese so much desired, and after many meetings with the late Bishop Hoare and others the matter was finally settled and in 1905 the school was opened with seven students, of which six were Chinese, at a rented house, being one of the two houses known as Ball's Court, just opposite to the present building of King's College.

In the next year both houses were taken as school premises. But it was soon found that even these two houses were insufficient to accommodate the number of students. A scheme was then set on foot to take a 21 years' lease of Ball's Court with its extensive grounds and build a new Wing on the West side of the main building.

Under the leadership of the late Sir Kai Ho Kai, with a handsome donation from Mr. Lai Kwai-pui and through the energy of the late Mr. Chau Siu-ki whose son, Mr. T. N. Chau, is now one of the members of the College Council, the money necessary for the erection of the new Wing was readily subscribed by the leading members of the Chinese community.

A New Era.

The College is now entering upon a new era blessed with all facilities for extending its work of making many men of Chinese youths. To-day's function under the auspices of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government augurs well for the future success of the College.

I should like to take this opportunity of addressing a few words to the students and parents of students, present or future, and appeal to them for their strong support of the College.

His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi in his visit to the College one day said to the members of the College Council who accompanied him "Well, you have a splendid

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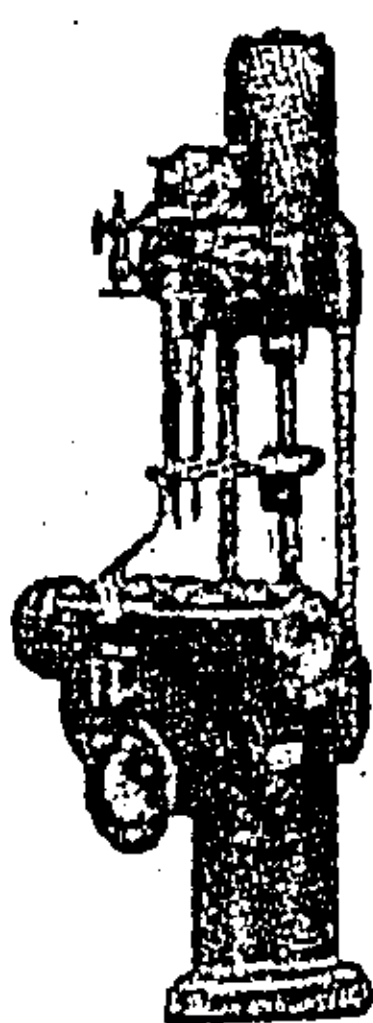
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REPORT OF COMMISSION CRITICISED.

LOW DOLLAR EFFECTS.

The report of the Salaries Commission was criticised by Mr. M. K. Lo at the monthly meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. The Chairman, Mr. Li Yick-mui, agreed with the criticism and comments of Mr. Lo and suggested that a copy of Mr. Lo's letter be submitted to the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council with a view to bringing the matter to the attention of the Government. This was agreed to.

Mr. Lo's report to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce is given fully below:

March 19, 1930.
Chan Heung Pak, Esq.,
Secretary,
Chinese General Chamber
of Commerce,
Hongkong.

Re: Report of the Salaries Commission.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your letter received some time ago, enclosing a print of the above report, and inviting my views thereon, I much regret that owing to pressure of work I have delayed the matter for so long.

I gather that your communication to me, like your communication to other members of your Chamber, was the result of an invitation received from the Government for an expression of the views of your Chamber on this question. I have, however, noticed from recent announcements in the Press that the Government had already recommended to the Secretary of State that the Commission's proposals be adopted as from January last. It may, therefore, be a waste of time for your Chamber to consider this matter. But out of deference to the laborious work of the Commissioners, and in view of the vital importance of their recommendations to the Colony in general, I feel that your Chamber should express its views on this question, and, not being desirous of shirking my duty as a member of your Chamber, I venture to express my own personal views.

The Commissioners held 54 meetings and examined no less than 277 witnesses. Their exhaustive report is eloquent testimony of their labour, and I have no doubt the Colony is grateful for the care and ability with which they performed their arduous duties on behalf of the public.

Having heard all interested parties and examined all relevant material, the Commissioners were, of course, in a position, open to no one else, to reach sound conclusions on the subject. I therefore feel that I am not in the position to make any criticism on the mass of details comprised under the various "Heads of Enquiry" beyond making two observations upon the material contained in the Report itself:

(a) Under paragraphs 51 and 52 of the Report, the commencing salary for a junior clerk is recommended to be \$400 a month. I hardly consider this to be a living wage. For instance, if such a clerk were to live in Kowloon he would have to spend something like \$10 a month for ferry and bus services. I therefore feel that such commencing salary (under class 6) should be increased and that there should be corresponding increases in all the other subsequent classes. A higher commencing salary would attract a better class of clerks to the Service, whose value would be greatly increased as they become better trained and have acquired a working knowledge of the routine of the respective departments to which they may be assigned.

(b) Paragraphs 148 and 149 deal with mistresses of schools. The Report says:

"The mistresses on dollar salaries, who are locally engaged, have made representations to us to the effect that as they are trained and qualified teachers they should be placed on the same scale of salary as the mistresses recruited in England. These ladies, we submit, owe their appointment solely to the fortuitous circumstance of their presence in the Colony, and not to any desire on their part to pursue a career of teaching in Hongkong. While recognising that these ladies are often as well qualified as those appointed from home, we consider they should remain on the temporary staff with a special scale of salary. We recommend \$4,000 per annum, rising by \$200 annually to \$5,000."

For the locally trained mistresses, we recommend a scale of \$2,400 to \$3,600, by \$200 annually.

Non-British staff.—For the mistresses teaching English

we suggest a scale of \$720 rising to \$3,000 by \$120 annually; for Vernacular mistresses \$480 to \$2,400 by \$120 annually and for the Senior Vernacular mistresses \$2,600 rising to \$3,000 by \$200 annually.

I have no doubt that many mistresses on the non-British staff, locally qualified, are as efficiently equipped to teach English as those on the British staff. There is nothing in the Report to justify and I myself cannot see any justification in the widely differential treatment meted out to these classes. In the absence of cogent reasons I submit that it is patently unfair that a teacher on the non-British staff should receive a commencing salary of \$720 whereas a British teacher, although locally engaged and in spite of the fact that her appointment is due "solely to the fortuitous circumstance of presence in Hongkong" should get a commencing salary of \$4,000 a year.

Moreover, a knowledge of colloquial Chinese is not required of the mistresses recruited locally. Whereas mistresses teaching English (belonging to the non-British category), while expected to possess the same proficiency and qualifications, have, in addition, to speak Chinese, as that language is often employed as the medium of instruction to non-English speaking pupils.

Turning now to a broader consideration of the Report, I have no hesitation in expressing the view that, comparing the Commissioners' recommendations regarding salaries on Sterling basis, those on Dollar basis do not appear to have received the same measure of generous treatment.

I understand that as the result of the 1919 Salaries Commission, those on Sterling basis received certain additions, which of course did not apply to those on Dollar basis. Again, in 1920, a sliding scale for conversion from Sterling into Dollars was introduced; an officer was paid at the rate of \$10 to the Pound when the dollar was at or over 4/4, and at \$12 to the Pound when the dollar was at 2/6 or under, with other intermediate values of the Dollar.

In July 1928, owing to the increase of local living, the Government made a further concession to officers on Sterling basis by allowing 2% of the dollar equivalent of their Sterling salaries if they were married, and of 1% if unmarried for every penny that the value of the Dollar was below 2/6 up to a maximum of 18% or 19% as the case might be. Taking the Dollar at 2/—, the Report shows that married and unmarried officers on Sterling basis would receive an additional 34.4 per cent. and 27.2 per cent. respectively on their nominal Sterling salaries. As the Dollar is now at 1/6 under this scale the maximum of 18% and 9% respectively is payable. On this basis the increase is as follows:

Married.	
Say Salary £1,000	
\$12 to the £ = \$1,000 monthly	
Plus 18%	180
	\$1,180

\$1,180 at 2/— = £118, or £1,416	
per annum i.e. \$1,000 plus 41.6 per cent.	

Unmarried.	
Say Salary £1,000	
\$12 to the £ = \$1,000 monthly	
Plus 9%	90
	\$1,090

\$1,090 at 2/— = £109, or £1,308	
per annum i.e. \$1,000 plus 30.8 per cent.	

The Report says that the Commissioners consider that such percentage increases already granted fairly represent the total additional expenses which the Government should be called upon to meet if fair treatment is to be shown to officers on the Sterling basis, and that a 15% addition to the existing nominal Sterling salaries may properly be regarded as representing a permanent increase in the cost of living in the Colony. On this recommendation the officers on Sterling basis would obtain, on a basis of the Dollar at 1/6, in the case of married officers, 41.6%, plus 18%, equal to 59.6%, and in the case of unmarried officers, 38.8%, plus 15%, equal to 53.8%.

Although the Commissioners recommended that the present system of allowing \$12 to the Pound plus a varying percentage for the conversion of Sterling into Dollars be abandoned, and that in its place payment should be made at the every day opening published rate of exchange provided that such rate of exchange on London is 2/— or less, but if less at exchange of 2/—, yet by paragraph 18 of the Report the Commissioners intimated that they had endeavoured to retain to an officer the number of dollars he was then drawing, and that this made it necessary to depart frequently from the literal application of the new scheme for payment mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

In view of the intimation mentioned to officers on Sterling basis

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"Narcissus (from Water Scenes); Country Dance," (Ethelbert Nevin); and "A Shepherd's Tale (from 'Arcady'); Lullaby," (Ethelbert Nevin).

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"My Desire (from 'Songs from Vineacre'); Mighty Lak' A Rose," and "At Twilight; Oh That We Two Were Maying; At Rest," (Ethelbert Nevin). Wilfred Glenn, Bass-Victor Salon Group.

"Valse-Serenade," (Tchaikowsky), and "1. Russian Soldier's Song (Altschuler); 2. Marche Miniature (Tchaikowsky)."

Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Ossip Gabrilowitch. "Little Boy Blue; The Night Has A Thousand Eyes; The Woodpecker; 'Tis Winter I Got Up At Night; Every Night; Beat Upon Mine Little Heart; A Life Lesson," (Ethelbert Nevin). Edna Kollogg, Sop.-Victor Salon Orchestra.

6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme. 7.00-8.00 p.m. Experimental programme. 8.00 p.m. Weather report.

8.00-9.00 p.m. (Tchaikowsky, Op. 31). (Victor Record). Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

Piano Solos by Mr. H. Ore. (a) Bourree, (Bach-Saint-Saens). (b) Variations in A Flat (Beethoven).

(c) La Campanella (Paganini-Liszt). "Resurrection-Dieu De Grace (Prayer)," (Alfano) and "Loupus Le Jour (Ever Since the Day)" (Charpentier) (Victor Record).

Piano Solos by Mr. H. Ore. (a) Prelude Nos. 1, 7, 10, 22. (b) Nocturne No. 6. (c) Ecossaise in D. (d) Tarantella, Chopin. "Song of the Flea," (Goethe-Mossorgsky), and "Barbiere Di Siviglia-La Calunnia," (Rossini) (Victor Record).

Feodor Chaliapin, Bass with orch. Piano Solos by Mr. H. Ore. (a) Menuet Op. 15, (H. Ore). (b) Etude in F Sharp, (Arensky). (c) Sixth Hungarian Rhapsody, (Liszt).

"Waltz" (Debussy), (Victor Record). "1. La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (The Maiden with Flaxen Hair), (Debussy-Hartman). "2. Scherzo-Improvisu," (Grieg).

Achton). Jascha Heifetz, Piano accompaniment by Isidor Achron. "I Know A Bank Whereon the Wild Thyme Blows," (Shakespeare-Horn), and "The Moon Has Rals'd Her Lamp Above," (Jules Benedict).

Royal Dadmun-Lambert Murphy, Duet with Orch. (Victor record). "Lyric Suite," 3, Nocturne (Grieg, Op. 54), and "Lyric Suite—4, March of the Dwarfs," (Grieg, Op. 54), (Victor Record).

Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald. "Love for Three Oranges," (Prokofiev), (Victor Record).

London Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Albert Coates. "Waltz," (Bach), (Victor Record). Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Albert Coates.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

of the large amounts above indicated, I cannot see the justice of allowing merely the flat rate of increase of 20 per cent. on Dollar salaries irrespective of whether those on Dollar basis are married or unmarried. I feel strongly that this 20 per cent. should be increased, and that the increase should have reference to the status of the officer as to whether he is married or unmarried.

I understand that as the result of the further increase in the cost of living as the result of the heavy drop in value of Dollars, the question is now being considered by the Government as to giving further compensation to officers on Sterling basis. I have no doubt that great hardship is being experienced by them in consequence of the present rate of exchange, but I submit that officers on Dollar basis have also been hard hit by the operation of the same economic law. I feel that your Chamber should enquire from the Chinese representatives on the Council as to whether or not the matter above referred to is being contemplated by the Government, and if so, whether an opportunity will be given to your Chamber to express its views on the matter.

Yours faithfully,
M. K. Lo.

BUFFALOES AT BILLIARDS.

ORIENTAL LODGE WINS SHIELD.

An interesting billiard match took place in the R.A.O.B. Club, Hongkong on Monday, between two lodges of the R.A.O.B. for the R.A.O.B. All Sports Challenge Shield.

Some interesting games were witnessed by the spectators, but owing to the absence of "Lindrum" no outstanding breaks were made, the highest being 27 by Bro. Swan of the Oriental Lodge. Scores:

Castle Key Lodge—Oriental Lodge (No. 6398).	(No. 8254).
Pennycoot 88	Turner 100
Tymun 100	Pragnell 61
Shaw 79	Perkins 100
Saddler 45	Swan 100
Millar 84	Seymour 100
Sacree 57	Cullen 100
	451
	561

At the conclusion of the match Bro. Millar, Secretary of the Castle Key Lodge, formally presented the Challenge Shield to Bro. Manwaring, Secretary of the Oriental Lodge, amid applause from the members.

Bro. Millar said it was with regret that his lodge had lost the shield but he had every hope of securing it again in the very near future as a further challenge was forthcoming on Saturday evening, the Castle Key Lodge would challenge the Oriental Lodge to "Navvies Billiards" (skittles) in due course.

In accepting the Challenge Shield, Bro. Manwaring said he was very pleased indeed to think that the Oriental Lodge had the pleasure of winning the shield and he felt sure that the Lodge would keep it and would be proud of it in view of the cause to which the money derived from the matches went, namely Grove House Orphanage, R.A.O.B. He referred to the good sporting spirit shown by the teams.

The Challenge Shield was presented by Bro. Kennifx of the Wellisley II Lodge for the Province of China in April, 1929, and since that time it has been in the possession of several lodges in the Province. It has had a varied career, having been competed for in football, boat racing, billiards, snooker, huckers, assault-arms and "navvies billiards" (skittles), and is open for challenge by any Lodge in any reasonable sport. Contributed.

LADIES' GOLF AT FANLING.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club held their annual distribution of prizes on Monday. Brilliant weather favoured the occasion and Mrs. Southern very kindly and graciously presented the prizes.

Two Medal Competitions were held during the day for the Subscribers' Prizes, over the old and new courses.

The Captain, Mrs. D. J. Lewis, in her speech, said how gratifying it was to the Committee to see the meeting attended with such enthusiasm. At the same time she regretted the lack of support given to the annual general meeting, held in October, and hoped there would be a better attendance this year.

The Section is suffering a severe loss in the retirement from the secretaryship of Mrs. Whyte-Smith. She has been untiring in her efforts in organising competitions and the furtherance of the general welfare of the Ladies' Section. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded her.

Congratulations are due to Mrs. D. S. Lambert, the winner of the Championship, and to Mrs. Whyte-Smith as runner-up. Mrs. H. Sheldon distinguished herself by winning both the Captain's and Railway Cups and also the Subscribers' Cup for the Medal Round on the Old Course. Mrs. Lissman won the Taggart Cup. Mrs. H. Ireland being runner-up.

Mrs. Keary and Mrs. Middleton-Smith tied for the Subscribers' prize over the New Course with a net 76.

GARRISON NEWS.

FORTHCOMING BAND CONCERTS.

The first of a series of monthly band concerts to be given by the band of the Somerset Light Infantry will take place at Murray Barracks to-morrow evening, commencing at 8.30. The concerts will be of about two hours' duration, and all tastes will be catered for.

All friends of the regiment are cordially invited, and families from other units will receive a hearty welcome.

Navy Hockey Match.

On the King's Park ground yesterday afternoon, a team from H.M.S. Moth defeated a team from H.M.S. Herald by three goals to two. Moth had the better of the game in the first half, in which they scored twice, getting another in the latter stages, whilst some good play by Herald in the second half brought forth two goals though the equaliser could not be obtained. Teams:

Moth: Gold, Davis, Finch, Wear, Ware, Dewar, Reason, Hines, J. J. Short, Fawcett, Riley. Herald: Black, Collingwood, Brady, Brown, Gilbert, Miller, Wear, Brown, Marriott, Walcott.

Murder Backstairs

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Detective Bonnie Dundee, secretly a member of the Hamilton House Squad, accepts an urgent invitation from a former Yale classmate, Dick Berkeley, to spend the week-end at Hillcrest, the millionaire Berkeley's estate.

His landlady, Mrs. Rhodes, tells him that Mrs. Berkeley, formerly a nobody, is trying to establish herself with a social secretary, Mrs. Letitia Lambert, formerly a society leader in New York and Newport. It is also rumoured that Clorinda Berkeley is engaged to be married to Seymour Crosby, New York guest in the Berkeley home. For reasons of his own Dundee has a strong professional curiosity to see and study Seymour Crosby.

At the Berkeley home he meets Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley, Clorinda, 15-year-old girl, who annoys her mother with her frank criticisms and unbridled comments, and a gracious, well-bred Mrs. Lambert, the social secretary. But it is Seymour Crosby in whom the detective is vitally interested.

CHAPTER II.

Yes, it was a strange and rather terrible dinner party. Dundee decided before the fish course was removed. In the first place, the dining room was too stuffily grand for words. And the dinner service was overpowering. If this magnificence was trotted out for what Mrs. Berkeley called "a dull little family party" what in heaven's name would to-morrow night bring forth? Dundee wondered gloomily.

And what a queerly assorted group they were! The Benjamin Smiths overrode into silence, or brief little spurts of ghastly gaiety. Mrs. Berkeley had made it quite clear that her full duty to the undesirable Smiths was being discharged to-night; they would not have a chance to commit their *faux pas* on Saturday night when a very interesting announcement may be expected.

Mr. George Berkeley, darkly sombre, but a perfect host except for the odd fact that he never addressed a single remark to the honoured guest of the evening. Indeed, when his black eyes flashed a covert, measuring glance toward Seymour Crosby, the nature of his thoughts might easily be guessed by the tightening of his lips and the flaring of his nostrils.

Clorinda Berkeley, aloof, arrogant, apparently almost as determined to ignore her reputed fiancé as was her father.

Mrs. Berkeley, voluble, effusive, ridiculous. "No, I don't like Mrs. Berkeley!" Dundee told himself fiercely, after she had subjected him to another barrage of questions, compliments and comments upon "bourgeois" Hamilton.

"Considering that the jolly old town made us so lousy rich, I think you might lay off it, Abbie," Gigi suggested in her strident young voice.

"Gigi, I must insist that you show me more respect!" Mrs. Berkeley burst out, in one of the fishwife rages which Gigi engendered in her mother almost every time she opened her frank mouth.

"I've heard that every day of my life, when I wasn't away at camp or school," Gigi reminded her mother cheerfully. "For a change, suppose you show me some respect, Abbie! I honestly think parents should respect their children, and then take awfully good care that they themselves are worthy of their children's respect before they demand it."

"Gigi!" Mr. Berkeley commanded sternly, and the girl slumped dejectedly into her chair beside Dundee's.

But she was not crushed long. In a low, eager voice she challenged her dinner partner: "And I'll bet you agree with me, Mr. Dundee. You're the only thrillingly handsome man besides Dad that I ever saw who looked as if he had sense."

"Thank you, Gigi," Dundee said gravely, using the nickname as she had commanded.

"You're Scotch-Irish, aren't you? We're English way back on Dad's side, and 'pore' white trash on Mother's. That wouldn't be bad at all—might be lots of fun, in fact—if Abbie weren't trying so hard to be 'society'."

Of course Dad's a born gentleman. Isn't he precious? I'm nuts on Dad, you know, and it makes Abbie simply wild because I can wind him around my little finger."

"I should think you'd be rather expert at winding any male around your most adorable little finger," Dundee assured her gallantly.

"Do you really think so?" Gigi was almost pathetically earnest. "It's terrible to be only 15, and not to know whether you have sex appeal. But I do think I'm going to have quite a lot, don't you? I've only tried it out on Arnold—that's the chauffeur, and he's disgustingly in love with Doris, the lady's maid."

Dundee did not laugh. "I'm completely bowled over—if that helps!"

"Oh, it does, for I've been trying to sex-appeal you all evening," she assured him shamelessly. "You see, it's rather hard with Clorinda around. She's so simply gorgeous, and I'm just a sun-burned, leggy kid."

What do you think of Mr. Seymour Crosby?" she added suddenly, her wide, childish eyes of clear topaz blazing up at Dundee.

He had been dodging that very question, every time the detective part of his brain had presented it to him. Now he raised his blue eyes and studied Seymour Crosby for the third or fourth time. Clorinda's fiancé being at the moment engaged in conversation with Mrs. Lambert. And suddenly it came to him, with a little shock, that Crosby and his fiancée were enough alike to be too closely related for their marriage to be legal. Both were tall and slender and very dark as to hair and eyes. Both looked like thoroughbreds, the product of centuries of blue-blooded ancestors. But where Clorinda Berkeley was arrogant, Seymour Crosby merely had that indefinable air of pride in birth and position.

"If he were not so young, I believe I should characterize Mr. Crosby as 'a gentleman of the old school'—and I mean that in the best sense," Dundee answered Gigi, in all sincerity. Looking at Seymour Crosby, those dark speculations upon the mystery with which he was connected seemed impermanent and absurd. Still—

"So young?" Gigi echoed. "He's 34! Dad's simply wild—"

They were interrupted by Mrs. Berkeley, who was calling: "Clorinda!" What is the child brooding over, to make her deaf? Clorinda—

Gigi giggled, and leaned close to Dundee. "Listen to Abbie! Doesn't she sound exactly like one of the bugle horns on a car? Ta-ta-ta-ta!"

"You little fiend!" Dundee chided her, but he laughed as hard as he dared. And then he looked curiously at Clorinda Berkeley.

"I'm sorry, Mother, she was saying stiffly. 'What is it?'

Your Aunt Lily has been trying for ages to attract your attention, darling," her mother soothed her.

"Oh, it's really nothing, Clorinda," Mrs. Benjamin Smith twitted apologetically. "Ben and I were just wondering if you knew John Maxwell is in town. You remember John Maxwell?"

But how silly I am! If anyone in Hamilton remembers John Maxwell, it must be you, Clorinda. Every one was sure you were going to marry him—"

"Don't be an idiot, Lily!" Mrs. Berkeley interrupted sharply, with a venomous glance at her sister-in-law. "Clorinda was never engaged to John Maxwell. It was simply one of those boy-and-girl crushes, wasn't it, Clorinda darling?"

"It was not!" Clorinda said clearly, curtly, her nostrils quivering and her black eyes blazing briefly upon her mother.

It was Mrs. Lambert's exquisite tact which lifted the dinner party out of its nightmarish quality.

"Isn't she precious?" Gigi whispered softly to Dundee. "I simply adore her. When she first came I tried to be exactly like her, but of course I'm really not a lady and never can be one, so it was no go, and Tish herself told me to go right on being myself. She says that in real society you can be as frank and eccentric as you want to be, specially if you're a member of the younger generation, and it's just considered a swell line."

"Do you want to go into 'society'?" Dundee led her on.

"I suppose I'll have to," Gigi replied gloomily. "For years they've been shooting the works at me—in ritzy schools and camps. I can ride and shoot and swim and hunt, play tennis and golf, but—I can't spit a curve in the wind," she added with mock grief. "Say, would you dope it out that Clorinda and Mr. Crosby are in love with each other? They don't look it, though Mr. Crosby is the most chivalrous-looking thing I ever saw—and if there's one of those electric currents vibrating between them, like you read about in novels, I can't feel it!"

To himself Dundee admitted: "Neither can I," but Mrs. Benjamin Smith's tactless remark explained at least half of the situation. And, undoubtedly, the Berkeley millions explained Seymour Crosby's conduct quite full. And Dundee was sorry, for he could not help liking that tall, slim, exquisite with the sad, gentle, brown eyes. Gentle? That might be a strange word to apply to Seymour Crosby, if certain whispered things were true.

The butler at an imperious signal from his mistress, was advancing from the sideboard, with the napkin-wrapped champagne bottle in his hands, when Dundee, to his surprise, saw George Berkeley countermand his wife's order by a stern and unmistakable gesture. Wickett hesitated and involuntarily looked toward Mrs. Lambert for guidance.

Dundee switched puzzled blue eyes to the social secretary and saw her move her silver-crowned head slightly in the negative. Perhaps Mrs. Berkeley had failed to see her husband's gesture; at any rate, it was upon poor Mrs. Lambert that she opened the vials of her easy wrath.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

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JAPAN'S BUDGET APPROVED.

Tokyo, Mar. 25.
The working Budget has been approved, and will be enforced as from April 1.—*Reuter*.
[The total of this year's Budget is Yen 1,606,000,000.]

"Obey me instantly, Wickett! Fill up the champagne glasses all around. And kindly remember in future that I, and not Mrs. Lambert, am mistress in this house!" Of course I realize, dear Mrs. Lambert, that it may be natural for Wickett to forget that you are no longer his employer, but I really must ask you not to forget again!"

"Fill mine to the brim, Wickett!" young Dick Berkeley cried, his voice reckless with disgust.

"Oh, I hate us all!" Gigi whispered fiercely to Dundee. "How Mother dares speak like that to Mrs. Lambert! I know the poor darling would leave in a minute if she weren't so poverty-poor—and Wickett would walk right out, too, if it weren't that he adores Tish. He was her butler for years and years before she lost all her money, you know. Oh, this is a terrible party, and something tells me it's going to be worse before it's over!"

And Bonnie Dundee silently agreed with her.

(To be Continued.)

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1370 sa.
Chartered Bank, \$187 n.
Mercantile A. & B., £30 n.
East Asia \$99 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$785 b.
Union Ins., \$400 b.
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Shipping.
Douglases, \$231 s.
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Indo-China, (Def.) \$60 s
Union Waterboats \$25 b.
Mining.
Bonguets, \$6.65 b.
Kailans, 53-9 n.
Langkate, Tls. 13.60 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n
Raubs, \$184 b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$147 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$33 b.
China Provident, \$5.05 n.
Hongkew, Tls. 220 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.80 b
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 129 b.
Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.50 b
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 89 (old) n
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.60 sa
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S'hai Lands Tls. 249 n.
Humphreys, \$14 n.
Realities, \$8.20 sa
Chinese Estates \$98 s.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$19.75 n.
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Star Ferries, \$684 b.
China Lights, (old) \$211 b.
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Telephones \$124 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.50 b
Singapore Traction, 10/- s.
Industrials.
China Sugars, 8) cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
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Canton Ice, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$14.50 b
Ropes \$6 b.
United Asbestos \$5 b.
Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$201 b.
Watsons, \$11.40 n.
Der A. Wings, '80 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$2.65 s.
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Sinceros, \$12 n.
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The most interesting lots consisted of the luxurious furnishings of Daniels' and Hatry's private rooms. The contents of Hatry's room formed a separate group of lots in the catalogue. There were a rich Persian rug, an old English walnut writing-table, an antique Dutch walnut and marqueterie side-table and an old English grandfather clock.

An interesting illustration of the involved condition of the affairs of the Hatry companies was provided at the sale of a walnut writing-table. The table belonged to one company and the plate-glass top was the property of another. Table and top had to be sold separately.

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You may not understand what is meant by the phrase of "A school on the lines of Public Schools in England." You have not been in England, so, if you don't understand, it is not your fault. But I can tell you in a few words "A Public School in England is a place where boys' characters are formed which make them many and gentlemen." Public School boys in England are proud of their school. They learn self-respect, unselfishness, courage, self-restraint and co-operation both in the school rooms and on the playing fields. These qualities get into the boys without their knowing them from the traditions of the school. Now St. Stephen's offers you every facility for acquiring these many qualities. If you do not take full advantage of them it will be your own fault. High scholastic achievements may not fall to the lot of every one to attain. That depends on natural ability. But there is no excuse for any one not acquiring the above qualities.

"Faith."

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, addressing the gathering said:

Mr. Chairman, your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, and boys of St. Stephen's College. It gives me the greatest pleasure to be present to-day and formally to open the new building of St. Stephen's College, this triumph of your school motto:—"Faith, the foundation of courage and virtue."

For it did need faith to embark on this notable undertaking, faith that you could bear the financial strain and faith that you could disprove that reputation for unhealthiness that this glorious site has held for the past eighty years. As I learn for the first time from your Warden's report, St. Stephen's has ever had faith in its ability to lay ghosts; did you not start your successful career in a haunted house? Small wonder then that you were not deterred from coming to Stanley by the fact that the Military authorities very many years ago abandoned it in disgust.

I well know that you took the best medical advice before you moved out to Stanley. Modern science has taught us how sickness can be prevented and how undeserved such reputations as that of Stanley often are; and I know that you have taken every precaution that your advisers recommended, and that your efforts are being crowned with success.

I congratulate you on the improvement in the health of the school which has followed your transfer, and you are now laying

the Stanley ghost as successfully as you laid the ghost of Ball's Court. How the Military authorities must regret their hasty decision! One of the finest sites on the Island of Hongkong, if not the very finest of all, has passed from the service of Mars to the service of Athens, and it is your proud mission at Stanley to prove once more the truth of the old adage that the pen is mightier than the sword.

The Public School Spirit.

I listened with much interest to the Warden's brief account of the history of St. Stephen's College. You have moved from one home to another until at last you have come to rest in this beautiful spot. You have followed the good example of some of our great London Public Schools and have moved out into the fresh air of the country.

You are rightly seeking to develop the British Public School spirit and you have realized that your best chance of success is to build your school where your scholars, and particularly your boarders, have all the beauties of nature around them. I am glad to think that the Government has been able to help you with a site where you can develop on your own lines, where you can have ample playing fields and wide open spaces in which the boys can roam, with the added advantage of proximity to an unpolluted sea.

As Cowper said, "God made the country, and man made the town," and you have wisely escaped from the man-made town to the God-made country.

I wish you all success in your plans for increased accommodation and improved playing fields and in your desire to see carried to completion the ambitious, but not over ambitious, scheme which Sir Henry Pollock has outlined to us to-day. I can assure you that though the Government may be unable to grant you financial assistance, it will lend a sympathetic ear to any request which may lie within its power.

I learned with pleasure that you attract students from all parts of China and from many Chinese settlements overseas, and I am delighted to think that the public school spirit, engendered in these pleasant surroundings, will spread into the great country of China. Old boys of St. Stephen's will carry their school tradition with them wherever they go, and wherever they carry it they will help to mould in right lines that Chinese Renaissance in which they are privileged to take their part.

Fine Record of Self-Help.

I congratulate you on the fine record of self-help which the Warden's report discloses. You have been fortunate in your friends and supporters; old boys and present boys alike have shown their love for their school in no uncertain manner. The result is one of which you may well be proud. You have created here premises not unworthy of the high function they are called on to discharge, a notable addition to the scholastic buildings of this Colony. I have the greatest pleasure in declaring open these new buildings of St. Stephen's College and in dedicating them to the cause of education in Hongkong; in so doing, I desire, on behalf of the Government, to congratulate the Warden and his helpers on the success of their efforts and to convey to them my best wishes for the future prosperity of St. Stephen's College.

Thanks.

In proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency, Mr. Li Hoi-tung

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presented him on behalf of the college, with a gold key as a small memento of the auspicious occasion.

Mr. T. N. Chau seconded in a happy little speech, and His Excellency suitably replied. A basket of flowers was handed to Mrs. Southern, by two of the younger members of the College.

Subsequently, His Excellency, accompanied by Mrs. Southern, the Warden and others, enjoyed tea in the hostel, whilst the band of the 3rd Batt., 15th Punjab Regt. played a programme of light music. Afterwards the visitors inspected the new buildings and spacious playing fields, where tennis and other games were in progress. Every visitor was enraptured with the delightful site of the college, which holds commanding views of Stanley and Tytam Bays.

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For an admission price of \$2, visitors can either play bridge or whist (1st floor dining room), play mah jongg (roof garden) or attend the The Dansant (rose room), tea being served free in each case. At six o'clock an auction sale will be conducted by Mr. V. C. Labrum, and we learn that to the list of valuables to be sold have been added a pair of "game birds" and a guinea fowl!

Prizes for bridge, whist, mah jongg and dancing are being awarded, the last-named prize going to the couple who finish up at the close of a specified dance on a hidden spot in the floor. Regarding card players, a bell will be rung at 5.45 when all play must cease (a hand in progress may be completed) and all scores must be added up by six o'clock, so that the prizes can then be awarded.

Mah jongg players in the roof garden will have to descend to the first floor for their tea, but this has been found unavoidable because of the Hotel arrangements. There should be no confusion if those who are going to dance in the rose room (4.30 to 6 p.m.) take tea on the first floor before going to the top of the building.

Much time and thought has been put into the arrangements, and they are thought to be the best that could be devised. One and all are certain of having an enjoyable afternoon and, furthermore, assisting the good work done by the organising body.

THE NEW AMERICAN TARIFFS.

LONG PERIOD SPENT ON DISCUSSIONS.

Washington, Mar. 25.

It is just ten months since the House of Representatives approved the Tariff Bill and sent it to the Senate, but there are two outstanding obstacles to an early agreement.

In the conference between the two Houses for application of the Bill, the Senate has inserted an export farm debenture feature providing a revolving fund for the relief of farmers, and has thrown out a flexible tariff provision which, with certain limitations, empowered the President to raise or lower the rates to meet discrimination by foreign Governments.

These provisions were inserted despite the opposition of the President by what has been practically a coalition of Democrats and western Republicans, whom Senator Moses facetiously dubbed "sons of the wild jackass."—*Reuter's American Service.*

IGNORANCE A BAR TO HEALTH.

MRS. MINETT LECTURES AT UNIVERSITY.

A variety of health topics, all extremely interesting, particularly to school teachers, scholars, and those responsible for planning and building schools, were touched upon by Mrs. E. M. Minett, M.B., B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H., when she lectured to University students and members of the public at the University yesterday evening. The lecture was entitled "Hygiene and its Importance to Schools."

In her opening remarks, Dr. Minett said that everyone wanted to have health, and they were all anxious to know the best and simplest methods of attaining good health. The fashionable young damsel of the old days, who was pale, picked at her food and had a slender waist, was giving place to the sportswoman, who could be a good pal, and the old time spectacles, stooping scholars were being replaced by young healthy men, who could show their boys how to play games.

Lack of Knowledge.

Continuing, Dr. Minett referred to Sir George Newman, the health authority and backbone of the Ministry of Health, who had stated that people perished through lack of knowledge. There was no fell disease sweeping over countries as plague used to do, but ignorance of health matters caused a heavy death toll. It was because they wanted to prevent that ignorance that they wished to teach the future generation to get beyond that lack of knowledge, so that health matters were now being made of great importance in schools.

Dr. Minett went on to say that most people who were not healthy failed to be healthy because they did not know the simple ways—and they were mainly simple—of getting health. They failed because they had done those things they ought not to have done and had not done those things they ought to have done. People were apt to rely on sanitary inspectors, meat inspectors and the like, instead of looking after such things themselves. They were now trying to teach children in schools, not necessarily how to make their own bread, but to realise the commonplace matters, which was all they could do.

Breathe Properly.

Dealing with consumption, the lecturer said she would far rather teach people to breathe through their nostrils properly, to fill the lungs with air and drive out germs, than spend money on building sanatoria.

The remainder of the lecture consisted of a series of lantern slides, on which Dr. Minett commented. These dealt with various parts of the body, breathing, spitting, sneezing, eyesight and hearing development, the brain, school planning with reference to light and ventilation, vaccination, washing and teeth-cleaning, mosquitoes and health posters.

At the conclusion, Professor L. Forster proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Minett, this being accorded with applause.

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RUBBER PRODUCTION.

DUTCH INDIES NATIVES AND RESTRICTION.

Batavia, Mar. 25.

A conference of the Governors and Residents of the outer Netherlands East Indies possessions has unanimously agreed that no results may be expected from any efforts to induce native rubber producers and traders voluntarily to restrict production or export.

It is pointed out that the export in the past five months has largely decreased, owing to the low prices.

—*Reuter.*

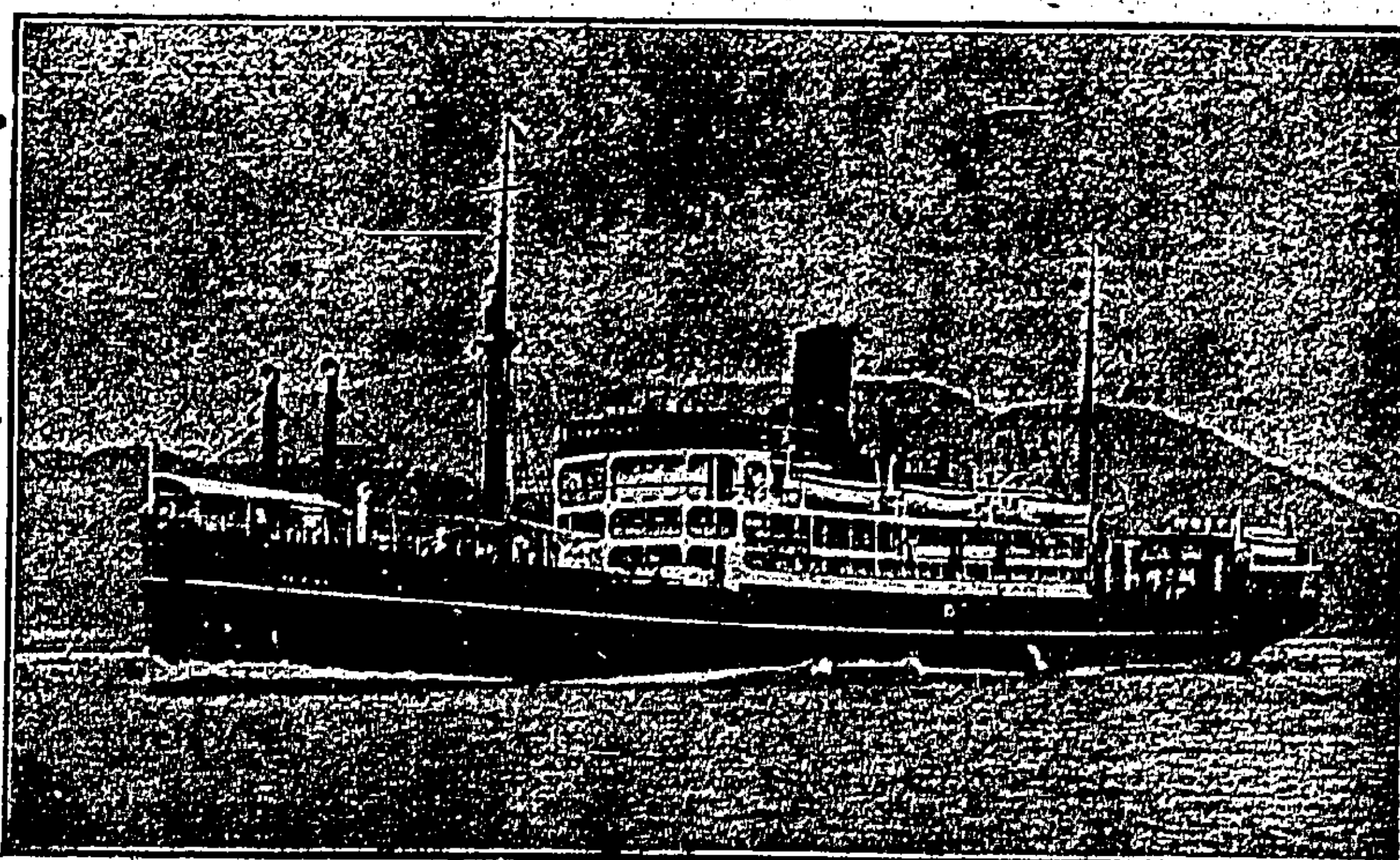
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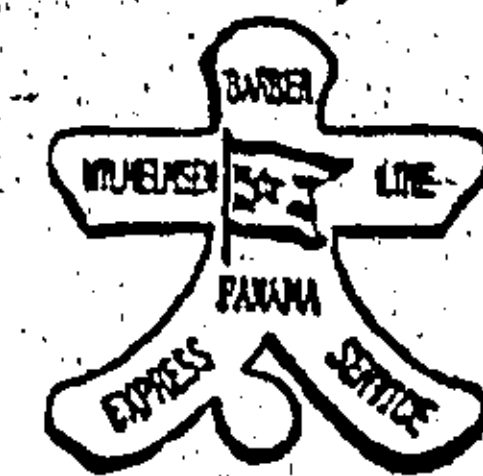


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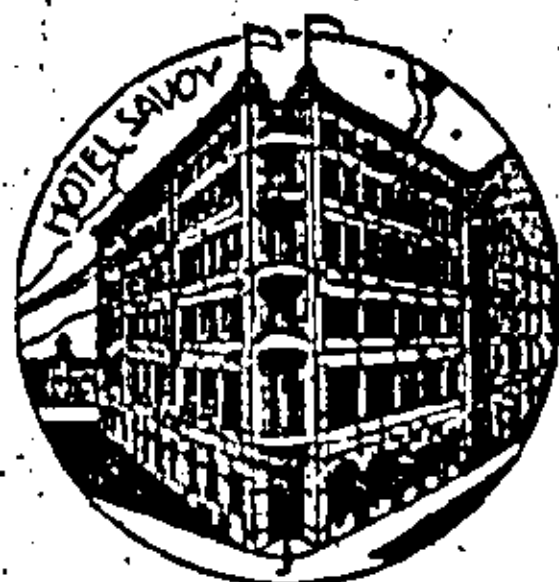
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FIRE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

INCREASED DIVIDEND
AUTHORISED.

YEAR 1929 A LEAN ONE FOR
LOCAL COMPANY.

CONTINUOUS LOSSES.

That the last year had been a poor one for fire insurance companies, not by reason of any particularly serious conflagration but owing rather to a continuous run of losses throughout the twelve months, was disclosed by Mr. B. D. F. Beith when he presided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd this morning.

Speaking of the year's work Mr. Beith said—

The Report and Accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the customary procedure of taking them as read.

The result of our operations for the year 1928, now under review, has again been successful, the Account having run off with a credit balance of \$714,807.47. The premium income of \$1,645,185.33 was the highest yet recorded and this is a satisfactory feature in view of present day conditions of trade all over the world.

Exchange Influence.

The rate of sterling exchange of 1/7½, at which our Accounts are shown, has had a very considerable bearing on both these figures of Balance and Income, but even had it remained round about 2/- the Account in point would still have proved to be the third best the Company has yet experienced. The ratio of Losses is distinctly higher at 43.53 per cent. as against 34.12 per cent. for 1927 while that for Expenses is slightly less at 39.35 per cent. as against 39.38 per cent.

The balance at credit of the Working Account for 1929 is \$511,112.36 as against \$676,329.19 for 1928, after twelve months working; a reduction of \$164,216.83. The year 1929 proved to be a lean one for Fire Insurance Companies and the final outcome of our Account cannot but be considerably less than of its three predecessors. Though it would be premature to hazard any opinion as to the final result, we have reason to hope for a final showing that will allow of the maintenance of Dividend and the transfer of a substantial amount to Reserves.

Increased Dividend.

The surplus to be dealt with at this Meeting is \$714,807.47 and we recommend the payment of a dividend at the increased figure of \$47 per share, absorbing \$376,000; the appropriation of \$25,000 to \$47-692.31 to Gold Reserve and the balance of \$31,115.16 to \$2,528.22 to Reinsurance Fund.

All our Reserves are in a healthy condition, the only one calling for comment being the Investment & Exchange Fluctuation Account. This shows a shrinkage of approximately \$13,000 due to the fall in the market price of our Gold Investment.

You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the Staff.

I do not think there is anything further in the Accounts which calls for special mention by me.

Continuous Losses.

As stated earlier in my speech the past year has been a poor one for Fire Insurance Companies, not by reason of any particularly severe conflagration but owing rather to a continuous run of losses throughout the twelve months. We must hope that the current year will show a marked improvement in respect of fire wastage and, to date, I think things are somewhat better.

After the resolution, which I am now about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability, any questions which Shareholders may wish to put. I now propose the following resolution—"That the Report and Accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$47 per share, an addition of \$25,000 to \$47-692.31 to Sterling Reserve, the transfer of \$2,528.22 to \$31,115.16 to the credit of Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the Staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed."

Mr. J. H. Taggart seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

Other Business.

On the proposal of Mr. J. P. Sherry, seconded by Mr. J. H.

NEW CONVENTION ON TARIFFS.

WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR
FUTURE PARLEYS.

SIGNED BY BRITAIN.

London, Mar. 25.
Replying in the House of Commons to questions regarding the proceedings at Geneva in connection with the suggested tariff truce, Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, said he had taken part in the discussions.

He was glad to state that a Convention was signed yesterday, as well as a protocol regarding future negotiations for reducing trade barriers. Both documents were signed on behalf of Great Britain. The former was also signed by ten other countries and the latter by fourteen other countries. The text of the documents would duly be laid before the House.

Mr. Graham was asked whether his attention had been called to a statement by the Chairman of the Committee that if they had taken the first hesitating step, that was all they had done, and whether that justified any optimism.

Mr. Graham replied:—"While it is true that the Convention now signed falls short of the original draft, it is nevertheless, in my opinion, a very valuable document."

A member enquired whether these documents precluded any step being taken by the British Government to safeguard any enterprise in this country.

Mr. Graham said:—"I think the effect will be this, that they do give us a basis on which to proceed to negotiations for discussion of the reduction of tariffs in Europe, and I believe this would be of very great importance to the trade of this country."—*British Wireless.*

TWENTY CHINESE FINED.

ON EMIGRANT SHIP WITHOUT
PERMISSION.

At the Marine Court this morning, 20 Chinese appeared before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., on the charge of boarding the vessel without the permission of the master or the officer on duty.

Originally, 22 were found wandering about on board, but two were not present in Court when the case was taken and their bail of \$25 each was estreated. The others all pleaded guilty.

Mr. C. H. Thomson, of the Harbour office, informed his Worship that the Yuensang was sailing under emigration laws and carried hundreds of emigrants from Hongkong.

If the steamer had left the Colony with the defendants, who had not been passed by medical officers and anyone of whom might have been suffering from a contagious disease, anything might have happened before the Yuensang reached the next port.

His Worship remarked that in view of the seriousness of the offence, he thought the bail should have been more than \$25. The offence the defendants had committed warranted a fine of \$50 but, as it was, he could only impose a maximum fine of \$25.

Continuing, his Worship said two of the defendants did not trouble even to turn up in Court and in justice to those present, he could not fine them the same amount. He asked Sub-Inspector Shepherd, who was the senior officer in Court, to make a note of that, and inflicted a fine of \$20 each, the alternative being 20 days' hard labour.

Seth, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, T. E. Pearce and A. H. White were re-elected members of the consulting committee. On the proposal of Mr. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. C. Savard Remedios, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a yearly remuneration of \$1,000 each.

Those present were Mr. B. D. F. Beith (chairman), Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. L. Dunbar, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. T. E. Pearce Mr. A. H. White (members of the consulting committee), Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary) and Messrs. J. H. Taggart, J. P. Sherry, M. H. Lo, C. Savard Remedios, J. H. Seth and E. M. Raymond (shareholders).

GERMAN SHIPPING ENTERPRISE.

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STRENGTHEN POSITION.

AND NO SUBSIDIES.

Berlin, Mar. 25.
The record-breaking trip of the new German liner "Europa" across the Atlantic—in 4 days, 17 hours, 6 minutes—has been jubilantly received all over the country. The country now has the two fastest passenger liners in the world.

Presiding at the general meeting of the North German Lloyd, the owners of the magnificent ship, Herr Hernecken stated that the Company had not received one penny by way of subsidy in respect of the construction of the Bremen or the Europa.

Big Amalgamation.

The principal matter discussed before the meeting of the North German Lloyd (Nord-Deutsche Lloyd) was the proposed amalgamation of the interests of the Company with those of the Hamburg-Amerika Line.

The President explained the terms of the proposed agreement, which involve the amalgamation of interests for a period of fifty years, each company retaining its independence and flying under its own flag.

There will be an interchange of members from each Board of Directors and the receipts will be equally divided.

Eliminating Competition.

The purpose of the agreement is to place as many vessels as possible on important routes with the view of eliminating the construction of new vessels and thus enabling each company to develop new routes.

It is expected that the working expenses on the more or less unprofitable routes will be diminished and that past rivalry will be done away with.

A joint meeting of the stockholders of both companies is being held on April 15, when the final vote on the issue will be taken.

Huge Capital Interest.

It is anticipated that April 15 will see the launching of the new German shipping trust, including the Woermann German East Africa Lines, the Hamburg-South Amerika companies, and possibly also, the Bremen Shipping Company and Hansa.

The total share capital of all the companies will be approximately G.Mks.409,000,000.

The "rationalisation" will, it is understood, extend to the Far East, thereby enabling the withdrawal of a number of ships without effecting German interest—*Reuter.*

Hamburg-American Ships.

The Hamburg-Amerika Line, Germany's oldest shipping undertaking, now owns a fleet aggregating more than 1,100,000 gross tons, which is more than 25 per cent. of the total German merchant tonnage (4,000,000 tons).

Regular services are maintained to every part of the world. The East of North America is served, among others, by four 20,000/22,000 ton twin screw steamers "Albert Ballin," "Deutschland," "Hamburg" and "New York," which are now being equipped with new turbines enabling them to make the passage between the Channel Ports and New York in seven days. The two biggest German motor-ships, the "St. Louis" and the "Milwaukee," are likewise engaged on that route, and several other fine modern motor-ships are employed in the service to the West Coast of North America.

Five different services are operated to South America and five others to Central America and the West Indies, whilst the Far East, the Netherlands Indies and Australia are served by two lines each.

PROHIBITION ISSUE.

CANADA ENDEAVOURING TO
ASSIST AMERICA.

Ottawa, Mar. 25.
The Canadian House of Commons by 173 votes to 11, passed the third reading of the Bill forbidding clearances of liquor cargoes destined for the United States. The Bill now goes to the Senate.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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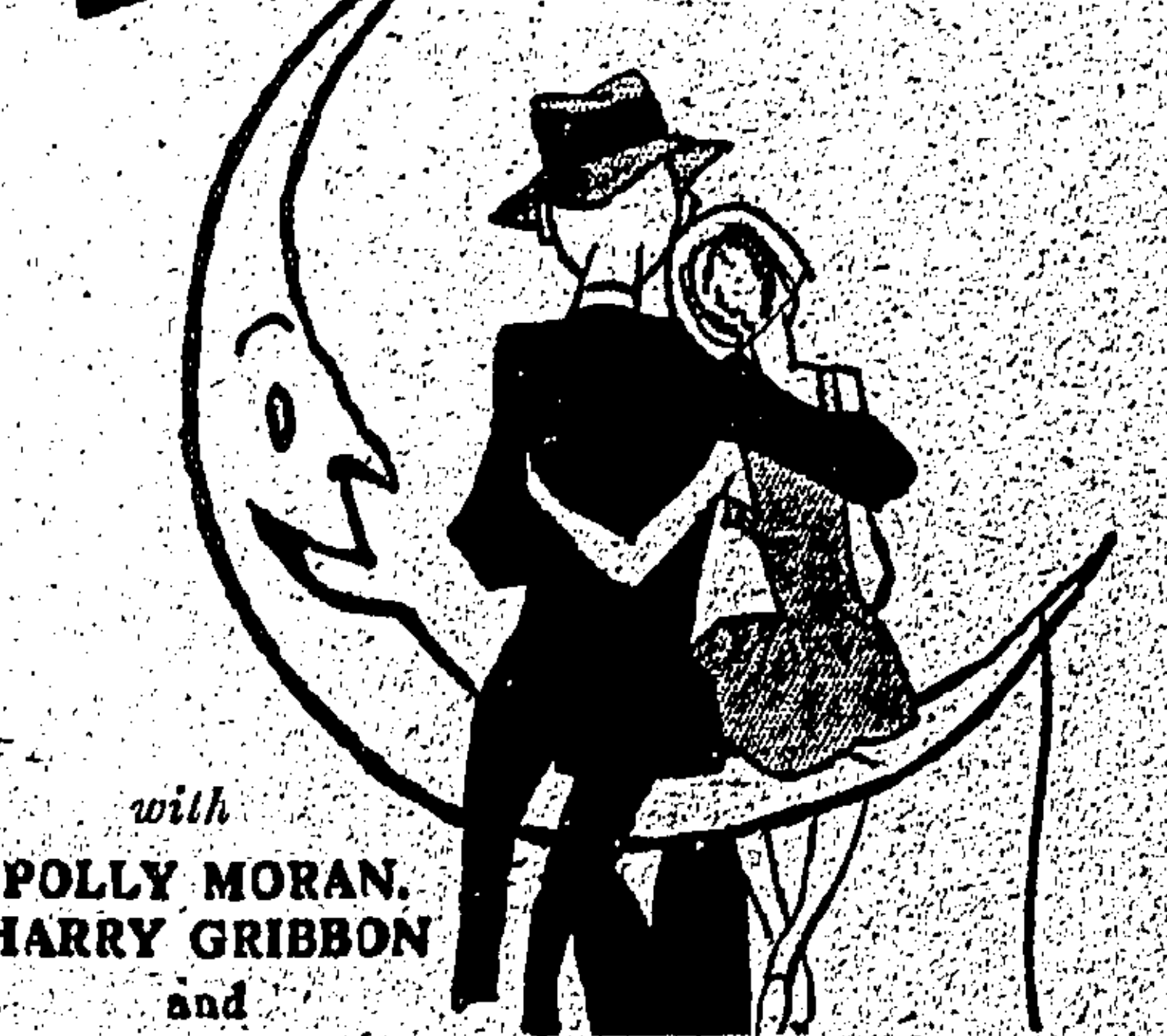
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